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BRITISH OFFICERS NOT WANTED.

Delegate's Sneer at So-Called Martial Races.

INDIAN SANDHURST?

Rugby, Yesterday. Presiding over the Defence Sub-Committee of the Round Table Conference to-day, Mr. J. H. Thomas, referring to the Indianisation of the Indian Army and the establishment in India of a Military College, said that if all recruitment of British Officers ceased on the day of output from an Indian Sandhurst, and if its output was calculated to meet normal wastage, it would be about 35 years before the last British Officer was eliminated from the Indian Army. If in accordance with the views expressed it was not desired that the British Officer Recruitment should cease immediately, then the period would be 35 years after the last British Officer is recruited.

Not Necessary.

But a complete Indianisation of the Army was not preliminary necessary to the full attainment of responsible Government. Thus, all the Dominions still depended on the British Navy for protection. Those who were soldiers with War experience would realise that an entirely new creation of the Officer Class was not simply a question of calculation alone. The question of defence was too vital to take chances and that aspect must weigh with Indians more when they became responsible for their country.

The question to be examined was what was a safe and wise rate of substituting Indian for British Officers in the Indian Army, and whether it was desirable to eliminate British Officer at the earliest period, assuming there was a common object in view, namely, the protection and defence of India.

The Government had no objection to a declaration favouring Indianisation and carrying with it a definite recommendation for the establishment of a Military College in India, but such establishment need not involve a discontinuance of the existing practice of a limited number of Indian students attending the Sandhurst College in England, which had obvious advantages.

"So-Called Martial Races."

Sir Tej Sapru urged the speeding up of Indianisation. Sir Phroze Sethna pointed out that Indian Military ability was not confined to the so-called martial races.

Mr. Moonje thought that all recruitment in India should be among Indians and that the Indian Government should recruit in Britain any British Officers they required. Sir Mirza Ismail thought the elimination of British Officers undesirable, even if practicable, and that there should be at first a fixed percentage of Indian Officers which would be increased in the light of experience.

Mr. Jennah declared that India was capable of making good the wastage without further recruitment of British students, who should also be encouraged to enter the Indian Sandhurst. Mr. Thomas is drafting a series of resolutions focussing the issues raised in the discussion.—British Wireless Service.

Vital Issues.

The completion of the work of the Federal Structure sub-committee, which had under examination some of the most intricate and vital issues before the delegates, marks a definite and extremely important stage in the Round Table Conference. The progress made, and consistently sympathetic reception of the claims put forward by the Indian delegates throughout the proceedings has impressed even the most sceptical critics of the conference in India itself.

The importance of Lord Beauchamp's acceptance of the principle of responsibility at the centre, which marked a definite advance on the views previously credited to him is reinforced by the speech by Lord Lothian, another Liberal delegate, who yesterday expressed the view that the only remedy for irresponsibility was responsibility. It was understood by Lord Beauchamp's statement that the Government would not accept Lord Lothian's speech, and that he personally believed it was unnecessary.

SIR GEORGE SYMES. APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF TANGANYIKA.

RESIDENT OF ADEN.

London, Yesterday. It is officially announced that Lt.-Col. Sir George Stewart Symes, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., Resident and Commander-in-Chief of Aden since 1928, has been appointed Governor of Tanganyika in succession to Sir Donald Cameron.—Reuter.

[Sir George was born in 1882, his mother being the Hon. Emily Catherine Shore, sister of the fifth Baron Teignmouth. He entered the Army in 1900 and served in the Boer War, and took part in the Blue Nile expedition in the Sudan in 1908. He served throughout the Great War and later was appointed Assistant Director of Intelligence to the Sudan Government, and Private Secretary to the Sirs, and Governor-General of the Sudan. Sir George was Governor of the North District of Palestine from 1920-25, and Chief Secretary to the Government of Palestine from 1925-28.]

APPOINTMENTS.

The King's Equateur emowering Herr Franz Winkler (Shanghai) to act as honorary Austrian Consul-General in Hong Kong has received His Majesty's signature.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Quentin Allison Ashby Macfadyen to be an Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs with effect from January 3.

It is notified that Mr. Edward Lewis Agassiz has resumed duty as Official Receiver in Bankruptcy and Registrar of Trade Marks and Letters Patent.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Ernest Philip Henry Lang to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court; Official Administrator and Registrar of Companies.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Lancelot Ruggles Andrews to act as Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court.

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Doubtless the Prime Minister's statement of Government Policy, which he will make after a careful study of all the reports of the committees in a week or ten days, will give a clear indication of the final proposals.

Business Committee.

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Meanwhile, the Prime Minister is drafting a summary of the arguments put forward in the Minorities sub-committee, in the form of a report on which the discussions will be resumed next week.

In British circles, there is a strong desire that this age-long problem be resolved, since it is obviously one of the fundamental issues of the building of a new constitution. In spite of the setbacks, hopes are strong that this will be effected, for in the smile of Lord Sankey, the conference is constructing a new house of such a kind that Hindus and Moslems desire the advantage of reviewing it together in peace. But it is still felt that this is a decision which the communities can only make for themselves.—British Wireless Service.

AIR DISPLAY FOR THE ARGENTINE.

British Fighting Planes to "Do Their Stuff."

THE PRINCE'S VISIT.

Rugby, Yesterday. Preparations for the departure next week of the Prince of Wales to the Argentine, where he will perform the opening ceremony of the British Empire Industries Fair at Buenos Aires in March, are nearing completion. In view of the nature of the main function in which he will take part the Prince and his Secretariat have had a series of interviews with British commercial men engaged in Argentine trade and have taken every precaution to be fully informed as possible on local conditions.

The Prince's own Moth airplane, in which his Highness hopes to undertake some of his travelling in South America, has been sent to Gibraltar where it will visit Buenos Aires in connection with the Exhibition.

In addition to her normal equipment, including a flight of Fairey Flycatchers, the flight of Fairey three T/S, and the flight of Blackburn Torpedo Bombers, the Eagle will carry a Hawker Nimrod Aeroplane, which has been selected as a successor to the Flycatcher and is the fastest fleet fighter in the world, capable of a speed of 200 miles hourly. An improved Fairey Three F. will also be on board.—British Wireless Service.

PRINCESS ROYAL.

KING AND QUEEN RETURN FOR FUNERAL.

PARTY CANCELLED.

Rugby, Yesterday. Their Majesties the King and Queen, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of York and the Duke of Gloucester, returned to-day to Buckingham Palace for the funeral of the Princess Royal at Windsor to-morrow. The afternoon party at the Palace for the delegates of the Round Table Conference was cancelled on account of the Court of the functions which was mourning, but the King and Queen will receive the Indian Delegates honoured to-day when Edinburgh conferred the Freedom of City on the Nawab of Bhopal and Sir Srinivasa Sastry.—British Wireless Service.

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BRIGHTEST PAGE IN HISTORY.

Happy Consummation to a Long Struggle.

ONLY A FEW BLOWS.

London, Yesterday.

Sir Srinivasa Sastry, acknowledging the conferment of the Freedom of Edinburgh at Usher Hall, said that he was divulging no premature confidence when he said that they yesterday had heard the chairman (Sankey) of one of the most important Round Table sub-committees, say that at the next plenary session of the Conference Mr. Ramsay MacDonald would make a statement which would go far to satisfy the aspirations and desires of the Indian people. (Loud applause).

The brightest chapter in the history of Britain was being written to-day at St. James's Palace, wherein would be recorded for the benefit of succeeding generations the story of how a long struggle came to a happy consummation with no more than a few lathi blows.—Reuter.

LOAN TO CHINA.

U.S. Bankers Interested in The Proposal.

New York, Yesterday.

The possibility of the States joining other countries in order to extend a large silver loan to China has greatly interested bankers and financiers, as they believe that not only China but the United States will benefit therefrom, since China is a potential consumer of the wheat surplus in the United States and Canada. Bankers emphasise, however, that they have publicly offered the Chinese a loan completely and question whether it will have to take the form of International or Government credit.

Earlier News.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The hope that the South Wales mine stoppage will be settled to-day is strengthened by the announcement that the miners' leaders have agreed upon the terms which, if all goes well at the meeting with the owners at Cardiff to-day, they will send to the men for confirmation.

Provisional steps have been taken for a resumption of work to-day.—British Wireless Service.

RUHR COAL STRIKE.

DISPUTE EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE SOON.

PRESIDENT'S ACTION.

Berlin, Yesterday.

President Von Hindenburg has exercised his special constitutional authority in vesting the Government arbitrator in the Ruhr coalfields dispute with greater power. It is expected that the dispute will conclude to-morrow by a six per cent reduction in wages, which will compromise the employers and workers viewpoints.—Reuter.

COTTON CRISIS.

OWNERS ADVISED TO CLOSE THEIR MILLS.

LOCK-OUT INVOLVED.

London, Yesterday.

The control committee of the Cotton Spinners Manufacturers' Association, Manchester, has unanimously recommended members of all local associations to close their mills on January 17, unless the dispute is settled in the meantime. This will involve a lock-out of 200,000 workers.—Reuter.

GALES.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:

A strong anti-cyclone is now central over the lower Yangtze Valley. The depression has deepened considerably and moved to the North of Tokyo.

Monsoon gales prevail along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

Forecast: N.E. gales; N. winds; strong, fine.

NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL.

London, Yesterday.

The Earl of Clarendon left to-day for South Africa, where he will take up the Governor-Generalship, in succession to the Earl of Athlone.—Reuter.

He hoped Britain would stop the release of silver bullion from India.

He considered that silver would revert to a normal price if sales were suspended for three years.

It was merely a matter of persuading Britons to do this.

He hoped the Chinese Government would be helpless to relieve them.

Therefore, it is most difficult for China to succeed in the task of opium suppression until the interested Powers are prepared to make a real sacrifice and co-operate with China in the fullest measure.—Reuter.

COAL CONFERENCE BREAKS DOWN.

Wages Reduction the Stumbling Block.

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London, Yesterday.

The Cardiff conference between coal owners and miners, arranged following Government intervention, has broken down.

Wages Reduction.

The Cardiff coal parleys break down because the miners declined to agree that the independent chairman of the new conciliation board should decide the question of wages reduction, and insisted that the matter should be settled between the parties.

Both miners and owners accepted the invitation of the Board of Trade to meet him and Mr. Shinwell, Minister of Mines, in London on Monday; therefore the stoppage in the South Wales coalfields will continue for at least another week, for even if the terms are agreed to in London, they must be approved by the delegates from all lodges before work can be resumed.—Reuter.

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ROUND THE CINEMAS

LON CHANEY IN WOMAN'S PART.

"THE UNHOLY THREE."

Imitating a woman's voice is comparatively easy, playing a woman on the screen is nevertheless a difficult task, according to Lon Chaney, who performs this feat in "The Unholy Three," his first talking picture, which is showing in the Queen's Theatre.

As the sinister ventriloquist in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production he hides from the Police in the guise of an old woman. "The hardest thing is to learn how to walk like a woman and keep one's shoulders from swinging, and the cultivation of the gestures and mannerisms of the characters," says Chaney. He uses five voices in the new mystery thriller, in which Lila Lee, Elliot Nugent, Harry Earles, Ivan Linow, and Clarence Burton appear.

"THE VAGABOND KING."

Dennis King, who has been hailed as the talking-singing screen's newest apostle of romanticism, is above all, a gentleman.

While he was working on the production of "The Vagabond King" at Paramount's Hollywood studio, King was asked to tell his ideal of womankind.

"First of all," said the famous Broadway musical comedy singer, "She must be a blonde—that is, she must have a blonde personality. Many brunettes have it."

Nothing could have been more typically chivalrous of Dennis King than those words. Blondes and brunettes alike will find flattery in them.

And it is well that King's opinion is so all-inclusive, for he is going to gain thousands of admirers among the blondes and brunettes before his great picture "The Vagabond King" is many weeks old. Women just seem to "go for" this dashing, romantic young lyric actor in a great big way.

In "The Vagabond King" Dennis King has a blonde leading lady. She is Jeanette MacDonald, the dazzling charmer of Broadway musical comedy fame, who sang her way into the hearts of film enthusiasts everywhere with her splendid portrayal of the role of Queen Louise in Maurice Chevalier's "The Love Parade."

"The Vagabond King," is based on the operetta of the same name which ran for more than a season on Broadway. The original Rudolph Friml songs will be heard again when the picture comes to the Central Theatre to-day.

Others in support of Dennis King in the picture are Warner Oland, O. P. Heggie, and Lillian Roth, and hundreds of extras who were chosen for their roles on the basis of their ability not alone to act but also on the basis of their accomplishments as singers.

"OUR BLUSHING BRIDES."

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer rented an entire department store for the interior scenes in "Our Blushing Brides," Joan Crawford's new starring vehicle commencing tomorrow in the Queen's Theatre.

For the store scenes, the May Company building in Los Angeles was hired for the day and store workers put on the studio pay roll as extras. Sound equipment was moved into the building, as well as complete studio lighting and power plants.

Harry Beaumont directed the new Crawford film with Robert Montgomery playing opposite the star. Anita Page and Dorothy Sebastian share feminine honours and the supporting cast includes Raymond Hackett, John Miljan, Hedda Hopper, Gwen Lee, and Mary Doran.

VOLUNTEER CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

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Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, are as under:

PARADES.

Corps Band.

There will be a Band Practice at Headquarters on Monday at 5.30 p.m.

Camp Pay will be issued at Headquarters on the above date.

Battery.

There will be a parade at 5.15 p.m. at Headquarters on Thursday.

Engineer Company.

Mondays, January 12 and 19—

Miniature Range shoot at 5.30 p.m. Corps Signals.

Parade for Signal Instruction at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday.

Machine Gun Troop.

Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday for Machine Gun Instruction.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section—Parade on Monday, at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

Motor Cycle Section—There will be a parade at Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. on Monday for Machine Gun Instruction.

Machine Gun Company.

Parade—Tuesday at Headquarters in uniform at 5.30 p.m.

Dress—Boots, hose tops, putties, shorts, tunics, helmet, belt, bayonet and rifle with sling. Fall in at 5.45 p.m. for arms and squad drill.

This is a company parade and every member is expected to attend.

M.G. Course Part 2—No. 4 Platoon will fire this Course at

Stonecutters on Sunday, January 18. Range Officer—2/Lieut. E. G. Stewart. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m. Uniform or multi optional, but belt, pouches and bayonet must be taken.

Scottish Company.

Parades, Thursday—No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters 5.30 p.m. under Captain H. R. Forsyth. Arm drill. Belt & frog will be worn.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock Under Lieut. A. Duncan, M.B.E. Arms drill. Belt and frog will be worn.

Notice of all ranks is referred to Corps Orders No. 51/30 Para. 7—Field Day.

Portuguese Company.

Parades—The Company will parade on Friday, January 16 at Headquarters under Platoon arrangements.

Peak Range—The Peak Range is allotted to the Company on Sunday, January 18. Details will be issued later.

Field Day—All ranks are reminded of the Corps Field Day on Sunday, January 25.

Honour.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointment in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

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Sergeant Major William Harold Edmonds.

Allotment of Ranges.

Miniature Range will be allotted to Portuguese Company on January 31, 16, 23, and 30.

Peak Range will be allotted to Portuguese Company on January 18.

Team For Revolver Match.

All members of the Corps, who are interested and proficient in revolver shooting are requested to forward their names as soon as possible to the Adjutant.

These are required to form a team to compete with the Sharpshooter Company, Police Reserve. It is hoped that regular com-

GENERAL NOTICES

OLD BEDFORDIAN DINNER.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held on SATURDAY, January 17, at 8 p.m. All Old Bedfordians who have not yet done so are particularly requested to get into communication with the undersigned.

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petitions may be arranged to encourage keenness and produce efficiency in this important branch of training.

Hong Kong Rifle League.

All members of the Corps who wish to compete in the forthcoming Hong Kong Rifle League competitions are requested to forward their names as soon as possible to the Adjutant.

It is hoped to enter at least two teams for this competition, and with the large number of good shots in the Corps, it should be possible to enter more.

When the number of names is known range allotments for practice will be arranged.

Leave.

2/Lieut. J. F. Wright, No. 3 Platoon, returned from leave on January 9.

No. 56 Piper P. D. Wilson, Reserve Company, returned from leave on December 19.

Captain M. A. Johnson, M.M., Engineer Company, from 7.1.31 to 2/1.31.

No. 1528 Cpl. A. C. Beck, No. 4 Platoon, from 6.12.30 to 5.1.31.

(Sgd.) W. H. G. GOATER,
Captain,

Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Machine Gun Company Dance.

The Machine Gun Company Dance will not be held on January 31 as originally advertised, owing to Court mourning. The date has been postponed to February 28 at 9 p.m. in the City Hall.

TAIKOO CLUB.

PLANS FOR ANNUAL BALL.

Arrangements for this annual event at Quarry Bay are now well in hand. A willing band of workers, under the Chairmanship of Mr. D. E. Bone, are busy transforming the Club into a fairy palace for the evening of the 16th inst., although the splendid Hall of the Club needs very little in the way of decoration to make it one of the finest halls in the Colony.

The Taikoo Ball has for many years been looked upon as one of the tit-bits of the festive season, the Club and its surroundings lending themselves to a scene of gaiety and a feeling of solid enjoyment.

The dance programme contains the best of the Scottish dances, and a sufficient number of Waltz and Fox Trots that should tempt all dancers to get on the floor.

The President of the Club, T. H. R. Shaw, and Mrs. Shaw, are taking a keen interest in the work of preparing for the Ball, and the Secretary assures us that the attendance will certainly prove the attractiveness of the event.

"On with the dance and begone dull care!"

At the recent Saint John Exhibition, Ernest Houston of Hunter River, P.E.I., won the following prizes: 1st, Aged Boar; 1st, Boar under nine months; Grand Champion Boar; 1st, Aged Sow; 1st, Sow under nine months; 1st and 3rd, Sow over 18 months; 1st, Sow under nine months; 1st, Sow with litter; Grand Champion Sow; 1st, Young Senior Herd; 3rd, Junior Herd and 2nd, Peaf of Four Bacon Hogs. In connection with which the Summerside Journal remarks: "This is Mr. Houston's first showing at the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Fairs. His winning stamp him as the outstanding Yorkshire breeder of the Maritimes."

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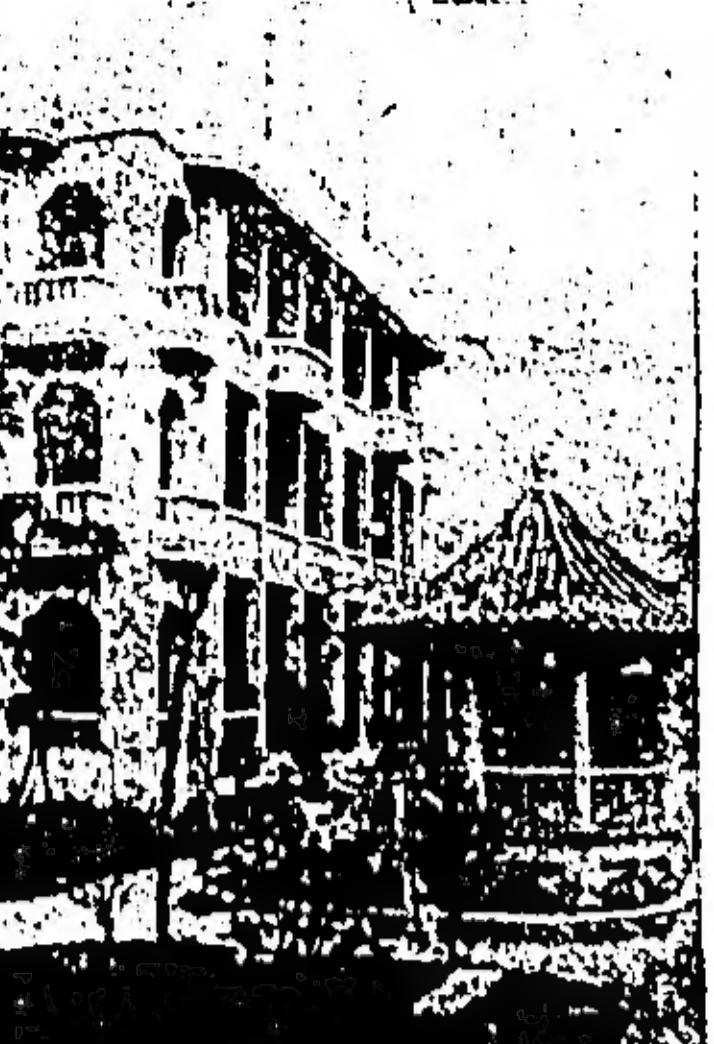
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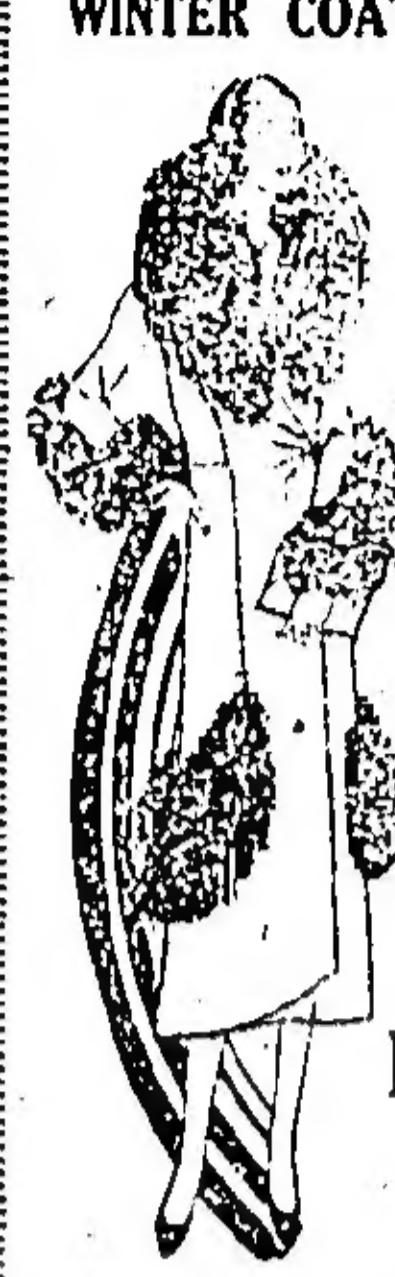
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He was very intrigued with the newest style of bed, which has a head rail that becomes each side a bedside table, cupboard, and a safe.

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WOMEN OF AFFAIRS.

Some of the lesser-known achievements of the women who have "done things" have come to light during the three-days fair of the London and National Society for Women's Service.

The note of women's achievement was struck from the outset by having as opener Miss Winifred Spooner, the airwoman who did so brilliantly in the International Air Tour round Europe.

Lady Emmott proved an expert saleswoman at one of the stalls. The Hon. Mrs. Spencer Graves was selling her own dainty needlework, chintz bags, wool embroidered or-gan-dine dinner mats and lavender bags.

A dozen braces of pheasants were a gift to the provisions stall from Lady Denman, Lady Astor, M.P., and Lady Bertha Dawkins were others there.

Girl solicitors, doctors, dentists, and Civil Servants have filled the fair at night after their working day was over.

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A COMPLIMENT.

To American Star's
Costume.

It is the habit of most smart French women to buy their clothes of one house and stick to that one for a number of seasons, according to Carolyn Putnam, style-expert for the Paramount New York studio. But this practice, Miss Putnam explains, is not carried on by the American woman, because in a single shop in the United States she may purchase the cream of fashions selected from the entire output of all the famous French dressmakers.

"It is surprising," Miss Putnam said, "with what speed the American couturier is able to get models across that broad expanse of ocean and have them up for sale only a comparative handful of days after they have been shown in Paris. But this is true and American women benefit by it immensely."

"The Parisienne remains true to her style house and usually is more conservative than her American sister in dress. For this reason our women experiment more in clothes and make it seem more and more plausible as the seasons roll on that America is fashion dictator for the world."

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"I was quite flattered recently while in Paris to hear a smartly dressed French woman behind me remark of Claudette Colbert's costume in 'The Blue Pond,' which I designed, 'C'est vraiment chic!' A compliment, I thought, from France to America."

20 YARDS IN A SKIRT.

Nearly twenty yards of material formed the skirt, with its sunray pleats, of an evening frock in carnation mauve chiffon worn by Miss Betty Moore in the new comedy at the Royalty, "A Marriage Has Been Dis-Arranged," on December 9. It has a little bolero of shot to mauve and peacock blue and a much-embroidered swathed belt.

Cardigans in brilliant hues in the new suede velvet helped to make a gay second act. They were worn with tennis frocks, the scene of the play being a smart Summer resort on the Bosphorus.

Beautiful teagowns were worn by Lady Tree. The swathed belt fashion was again seen in her Empire teagown of peach-coloured velvet and lace, the belt being in turquoise-blue velvet.

Unusual sleeves were a feature of her other teagown in gold velvet. The long, tight sleeves were embroidered in gold up to the elbow, with cascades of lace falling from the wrists.

The classic line of Miss Mary Newcomb's white georgette evening frock in the third act was strikingly simple. Over it she wore a white velvet evening coat with a very large collar of white ostrich feathers.

BARE-BACK FROCKS.

The Marchioness of Linlithgow appeared in a tomato-red coat and skirt with a large red felt hat, accompanied by Lady Mary Hope, in blue and a fur coat, and Lord Charles Hope, at the marriage on December 8 of Capt. I. A. Ralston, Highland Light Infantry.

His bride was Miss Patricia Barry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barry, and she was tall enough to carry well the wide, fan-shaped train of velvet which fell from her waistless velvet gown, and had a shaped frill of the same material all round the curved end.

Her tulle veil was even longer than this train, and she had a new kind of pearl-embroidered "fob" in the front of a rucked bodice. A curious choice for the four bridesmaids' dresses—also in ivory ring velvet—was revealed by a slight accident to one of the quartette. On arrival in the porch of St. Mark's Church, North Audley Street, the bow tied on one shoulder cape came undone, and beneath was a full bare-backed evening dress of the velvet, with only two pearl-embroidered shoulder straps, reaching to the waistline at the back.



MODERN BABIES.

A Common-Sense
Trousseau.

What lucky little people babies are to-day! Their emancipation from old-time tyrannies and restrictions has been as complete as in the case of their mothers.

No more binders made of long straight strips of flannel wound round and round the little body so tightly that the skin is pinched each time the lungs are expanded. No more long starched robes to chafe the tender skin. No more voluminous flannel petticoats and "underskirts" doubled over and pinned round the little limbs to restrict their movements.

I was looking at a modern baby's trousseau the other day and this is what I saw, says a writer in a Home paper. Dainty little garments of the softest materials designed specially with an eye to Baby's comfort under all conditions. There was nothing to chafe and nothing to restrict. All the garments were of a sensible shortness. Even the first "long" clothes were only about a third of the length of long clothes in grandmother's day. There was no waste of material about them either and their trimmings were as simple as they were dainty.

For the first few weeks of baby's life there were day and nightgowns in fine nainsook with narrow lace insertions or tiny sprays of hand-embroidered flowers round hem and yolk, severely plain flannels and nainsook with lace-trimmed or tucked. There were cosy wrap-over vests, hand-knitted in the finest wool and silk and wool mixtures and cosy house coats crocheted and knitted in soft coloured wool in fancy patterns. There were binders of double thickness flannel shaped to the body, bound with silk, and supplied with silk ties that could be adjusted to allow for body expansion. For colder days there were finely knitted body bolts to take the place of the binders. Very elastic and comfortable these were, and a sure preventive of body chills.

Shortening Modes.

For the shortening stage the garments were very similar, only much shorter, so that the limbs could have free play when baby was left to kick about in his pram or cot or on his crawling rug. There were little hand-embroidered matinée coats in cashmere and others in hand-crochet, so that baby was well provided for in all weathers. Similarly there were outdoor coats in silk and cashmere, and others in rabbit wool.

For the crawling stage all sorts of cosy woolies were provided for knockabout wear. These included petticoats, crawlers, dresses, tunic outdoor coats and cosy fitting bonnets. For more important occasions dainty frocks of crepe de chine, soft silk, organdie and nainsook were carefully folded in sheets of tissue paper.

SYBIL THORNDIKE.

Glasgow, Dec. 2.
A picturesque period makes all

the difference; to a play, as Miss Sybil Thorndike certainly knows. In "The Matchmaker," which she played for the first time in Glasgow last night, the famous actress brought back much of the glory of old and colourful London.

Every gown was a poem in itself, a lyrical mass of frills and flounces, billowing bustles and full petticoats.

With her gowns, Miss Thorndike wore a wig of auburn curls, swathed around with a most picturesque gold ribbon. In contrast to her natural flaxen shingle, the effect was startling.

Her first gown was in soft blending tones of shot brown and orange, the bunched overskirt opening to show a petticoat of gold silk. The complete dress was bound and trimmed with bands of gold galon, and from her elbows fell frills of gold-tinted net. Gold cord laced the front of the corsage, and a sash arrangement of the dress material fell from the neckline to the waist, and again to the hem behind.

Tied With Gold.

The second gown was in tones of bright red and black, the petticoat of glowing scarlet satin, under a dress of patterned silk, with the bustles tied up with gold. She was wearing this when she encountered Eva (Mrs. Darbyshire), who as a flashing blonde wore a gown of pale sea-green patterned with yellow. Cream not formed the hem of the under-dress, and appeared again at the tight-fitting corsage that surely fitted to the nineteen-inch waist of that picturesque period.

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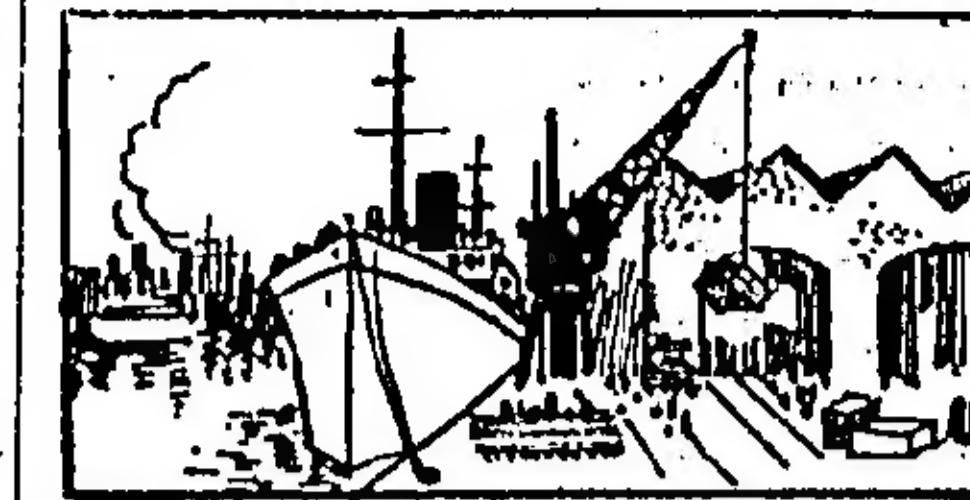
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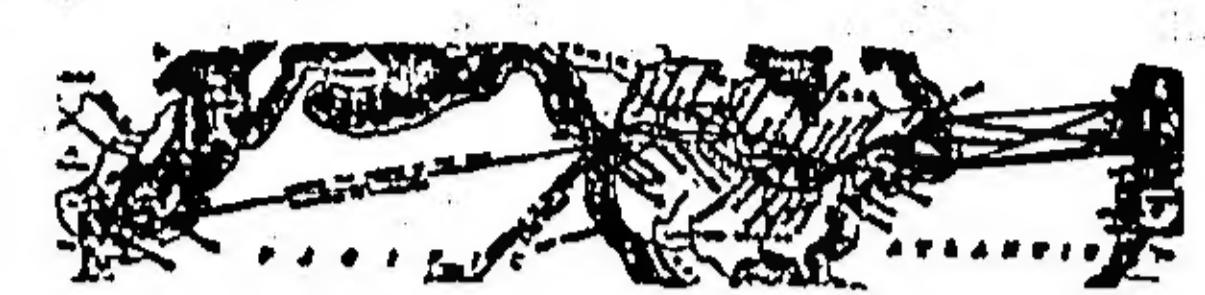
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The Daily Telegraph understands that the project is only in the initial stage as yet.

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Thursday, Jan. 8.
Lematan, Dutch str., 1,476 tons, Capt. W. J. Ahlers, from Balikpapan, Yaumati Anchorage—J.C.I.L.

Tchekam, Chinese str., 806 tons, Capt. Lai Yee, from K. C. Wan, C.M.S.N. Wharf—Ping On & Co.

Friday, Jan. 9.
Chak Sang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. J. McAnish, from Canton, buoy No. B32.—J. N. & Co.

Chengtu, British str., 1,338 tons, Capt. W. D. Thomas, from Canton, Taikoo Dock—B. & S. Chipking, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. S. O. Mitford, from Tientsin, buoy No. B22.—J. M. & Co.

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Empress of Japan, British str., 20,632 tons, Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R., from Vancouver via Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—C.P.S.

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Jyopore, British str., 3,209 tons, Capt. W. L. Harris, from Shanghai, buoy No. A4.—M. M. & Co.

Malta Maru, Japanese str., 3,402 tons, Capt. Yoshihara, from Milke, buoy No. A18.—Y.K.Y.

Michigan, American str., 3,474 tons, Capt. R. C. Lechner, from Manila, buoy No. A12.—States & Co.

Patroclus, British str., 6,910 tons, Capt. G. T. Clark, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf—B. & S. Phya, British str., 2,433 tons, Capt. W. P. Thomas, from Shanghai, Kowloon Bay—A.P.C.

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Mandolin Concert Orchestra

(G9020).

Waltz—

Polytouri (C. Robrecht),

Murel Weber & His Orch.

(G9073).

7.35-8.15 p.m.—Concert Items.

Song—

Some where a Voice is Calling

(Eileen Newton-Arthur Tate),

Frances Alda, Soprano

(1148).

Violin Solo—

Le Cygne (The Swan)

(Saint-Saens),

Pablo Casals (1143).

Song—

I Hear a Thrush at Eve

(Eberhart-Cadman),

John McCormack, Tenor

(742).

Pianoforte Solo—

On the Banks of the Danube

(John Kurucz),

John Kurucz (12).

Song—

Just a Wearin' for You

(Stanton-Jacobs-Bent),

Dusolina Giannini, Soprano

(1168).

Harpichord Solo—

Don Juan—Minuet (Mozart),

Le Tambourin (Rameau),

Le Coeur—Rondo (Dquin),

Wanda Landowska (1199).

Song—

My Lovely Celia (Geo. Monro art)

Lane Wilson),

Reinhard Wernermann, Baritone

(1443).

Violin Solo—

Serenade (Drigo),

Mischa Elman (600).

Song—

When Irish Eyes are Smiling

(Olcott-Geff-Ball),

John McCormack, Tenor

(788).

8.15-8.50 p.m.—Variety.

Organ Solo—

King for a Day,

Jesse Crawford (21681).

Song—

Sweet Forget Me Not,

Jack Smith, Whispering

Baritone (21882).

Popular Melodies Accompanied by

Nightingales and Cararies,

Reich's Aviary Bremen (1).

Humorous Song—

Button Up Your Overcoat

(from Follow Thru),

Helen Kane (21863).

Pianoforte Solo—

Dorothy ... Frank Banta (21821).

Song—

Coquette (Irving Berlin),

Paul Oliver, Tenor (21898).

Pianoforte Solo—

A Little Kiss Each Morning a Little

Kiss Each Night *

(from "The Vagabond Lover"),

John Kurucz (38).

Song—

Only a Rose

(from "The Vagabond King"),

Richard Crooks, Tenor

(1448).

Clarinet Solo—

Late Hours (Williams),

Douglas Williams (21695)

8.50-9 p.m.—

Sylvia Ballet—Intermezzo and Valse

Lente (Delibes),

San Francisco Symphony

Orchestra (1160),

Norma—Overture (Bellini),

Victor Symphony Orchestra

(21699).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local

Time, etc.

9.05-11.30 p.m.—Dance Pro-

gramme.

Fox Trot—

Sposin',

The One in the World ... (21999).

The One that I Love Loves Me,

Underneath the Russian Moon,

(21963).

Gotta Feelin' for You,

Low Down Rhythm ... (22041).

Waltz—

Vision of Love,

Fox Trot—

Beautiful Heaven ... (81363).

Sister Mother & Mine,

Sister in the Rain ... (22012).

Walkin' with Suzie,

That's Your Baby ... (21927).

That's What I Call Heaven,

Mean to Me ... (21921).

Waltz—

The Kiss / Waltz,

Fox Trot—

Nobody Cares if I'm Blue ... (22462).

My Ideal,

It's a Great Life ... (22544).

I'm Yours,

Here Comes the Sun ... (22541).

Sittin' on a Rainbow,

In My Heart It's You ... (22525).

Waltz—

Sleepy Honolulu,

Sweet Hawaiian Dream Girl,

(21900).

Fox Trot—

I'll Be Blue Just Thinking of You,

African Serenade ... (22529).

Sing Something Simple,

Lucky Seven ... (22528).

For Instance,

Lonely ... (22494).

Why Have You Forgotten Walkin'?

How are You To-night in Hawaii

(22519).

Waltz—

Until We Meet Again Sweetheart,

One More Waltz ... (22521).

Fox Trot—

The Verdict is Life,

Reminiscing ... (22412).

Miss Cara,

Rollin' Down the River

(22430).

Under Vacuum Skies,

June Kisses ... (22400).

Waltz—

Just Another Kiss,

If We Never Should Meet Again,

(22048).

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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MAIL REVIEWS.

PLATO AND THE MODERN WORLD.

[After Two Thousand Years: A Dialogue between Plato and a modern young man," by G. Lowes Dickinson; George Allen and Unwin, Ltd.; 6/- net.]

"Plato's Britannia," freely rendered into English by Douglas Woodruff; Sheed & Ward, London; 6/- net.]

One of the most extraordinary facts in the history of literature is the perennial interest in the writings and theories of a Greek named Aristocles, born about 427 B.C. He is better known to us by his nickname, Plato, the broad shouldered.

It has been often remarked on how the books of the New Testament keep among "best sellers." But surely the interest in the writings of Plato is more remarkable still. For the New Testament is disseminated by organised religious bodies and a Society whose special object is its sale; but the works of Plato, three or four hundred years older than the books of the New Testament, have no special organisation for their sale and are still published in translation and text, and even now find a select and learned group of worshippers.

Plato's writings have handed down to us an almost unique form of literary prose, the dialogue.

The very fact that his writings had not been surrounded by a special odour of sanctity like the Bible has made them a peer subject of research and imitation than the Sacred Books. Modern writers venture even to copy his manner and methods without any feelings of sacrifice. Some like Prof. F. C. S. Schiller have done this with great skill (cf. "Humanism" by Prof. Schiller).

The present writers whose books we have under review have both appeared before the public in the

guise of Plato on previous occasions.

A Model of Plato. Mrs. Lowes Dickinson many years ago published "A Modern Symposium," more or less on the model of the Symposium of Plato. It is in our opinion one of Mr. Dickinson's most brilliant books, full of suggestiveness and breadth.

The present volume is a very thoughtful criticism of Platonic views in the form of a dialogue between Plato returned to the Elysian Fields and a modern young man. Various subjects are brought up for discussion from forms of Government, to birth-control, war, and education. These are not handled casually but with great lucidity and skill.

One criticism of Plato which Mr. Dickinson brings up we should like to see enlarged upon. It is brought forward as rather a shock to Plato. The dialogue runs:—

"Plato—What is this terrible confession?"
"Philalethes—I will come out with it. If I could secure for the great mass of men such a measure of happiness, and could only secure it by sacrificing altogether what are called higher goods, I would consent to that sacrifice."

"Plato—Indeed! Let me hope then at least that you are not faced with that alternative."

"Philalethes—I do not know that I am, but it is conceivable that I might be. For these higher goods have been secured, in fact, for the most part, by leisurely men living on the labour of others; and by destroying that class, my friends say, (as I intend and desire to destroy it), I shall destroy also the possibility of achieving any Goods other than those which the mass of men can appreciate; and those I am not pretending are likely to be what are called ideal."

We should like to see a larger discussion of this whole subject. Plato and his philosophy are bought at the expense of, and practically as the result of, slave labour. A more humane social

were for the average man seems to mean the destruction of the ideal. The poet, the artist, and the philosopher are built more or less on slavery.

A Different Type.

Plato's "Britannia" is a very different type of book from Mr. Lowes Dickinson's. It is disguised propaganda. Some years ago Mr. Woodruff published a very amusing little book, "Plato's American Republic." It was cheap and showed a good deal of humour. This book is more than twice the price (6/-), and falls very flat.

The fact of the matter is the author seems to have made a "right about face" since then. This book is blatantly Roman Catholic propaganda. Socrates is made to talk

pages of inept stuff such as Mr. Belloc publishes about "the ship-

Mr. Woodruff's book is dedicated to Ronald Knox—the same Rev. Father Ronald Knox, we believe, who has informed us that Roman Catholics "will not shrink even from repressive measures in order to perpetuate the secure dominion of Catholic principles among their fellow countrymen." He lets the cat out of the bag when he says,—

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existences all over the world. The book shows how everyone pretends, how every one lives in a deceptive manner with a view to attaining a position in local society. Certain things are done, certain people must be entertained just because—well, just because!

Although "They thought they could buy it" is essentially American, its lesson is universal and anyone who reads it—and it is well worth reading—will find much to think about in relation to their own family circle.

BACK FROM SIBERIA.

I "Faber, or the Lost Years," by Jacob Wasserman; George Allen & Unwin, Ltd.; 7/6.]

After four years as a prisoner in Siberia Faber escapes and makes his way back to his home by a round-about route and rejoins his family. During his incarceration he became embittered and looked forward with no little pleasure to resuming his pre-war standard of living but is disappointed. His wife has undertaken a social service aimed to improve the lives of young people and although still faithful to him does not desire to sacrifice her new task to married life. The story shows Faber's attempt to understand the new conditions and the tremendous mental struggle he goes through.

Murder on the high seas and then more murder sounds as thrilling an opening for a mystery story as one could wish and in "Death Strikes at Six Bells," Mr. Baxter has provided a really exciting book.

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Sufficient romance is introduced to make the story interesting to readers who do not prefer the pure thriller and one is guaranteed a very pleasant time reading this book, full as it is with fresh and ingenious ideas.

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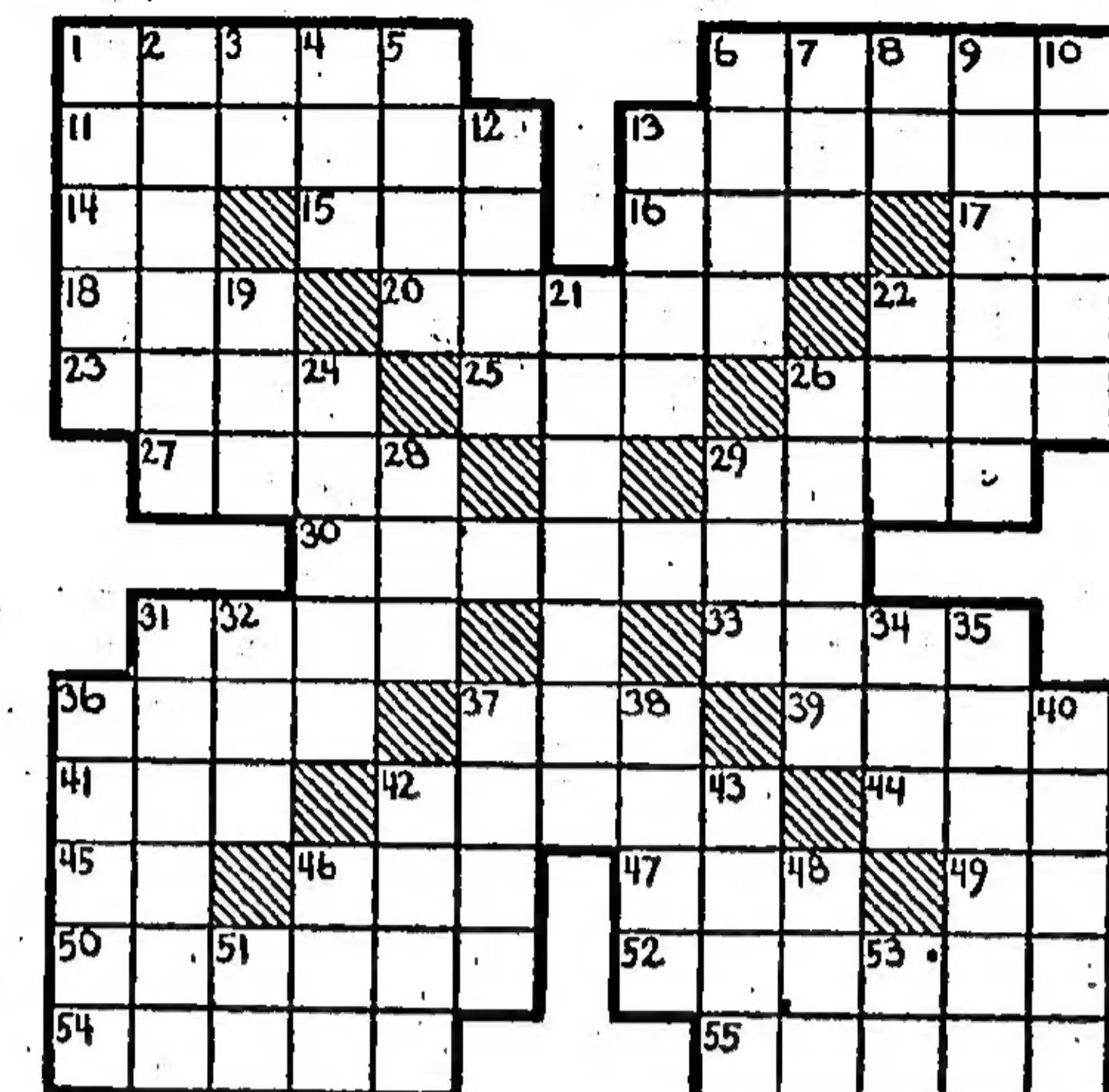
I "They Thought They Could Buy It," by Walworth Carman; Ernest Benn, Ltd.; 7/6.]

When one reads a book containing unexpected ideas there is always a feeling of pleasure, and Miss Carman has portrayed what might be called American Suburban life in quite a novel fashion.

Different families living near to each other are carefully analysed and their lives shown up in all the artificial social grades that are so prominent in suburban

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Blood vessels	21-Pertaining to
4-Greek letter M	22-Hawaiian food
6-Careless	24-A windlass
11-To set the mind	25-Eminent
upon to do	26-Cottage
13-A flower-cluster	29-A territorial division
14-In	31-The common of a
15-Heavy affliction	multitude
16-Hall	32-Poisonous snake
17-Father	33-A card game
18-Nothing	35-A shorebird
20-Capital of	36-Lemon-like fruit
Switzerland	(pl.)
22-Footlike organ	37-Discoverer of
23-To pull	North magnetic
25-To place	pole
26-His departed	38-Departed
27-Heroic poem	39-Raised up
29-Parched with heat	40-Possessive pronoun
30-Very offensive	42-Possessive pronoun
31-Adroitness	43-A royal house of
33-Companions	England
34-Fair and luxuriant	44-Wood used for
37-Unhealed	making bows
39-A journey	45-Pale
41-Little devil	51-Prefix-down
42-A sweet made by	53-To perform
insects	
44-A Swedish coin	

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new a new cross-word puzzle.)

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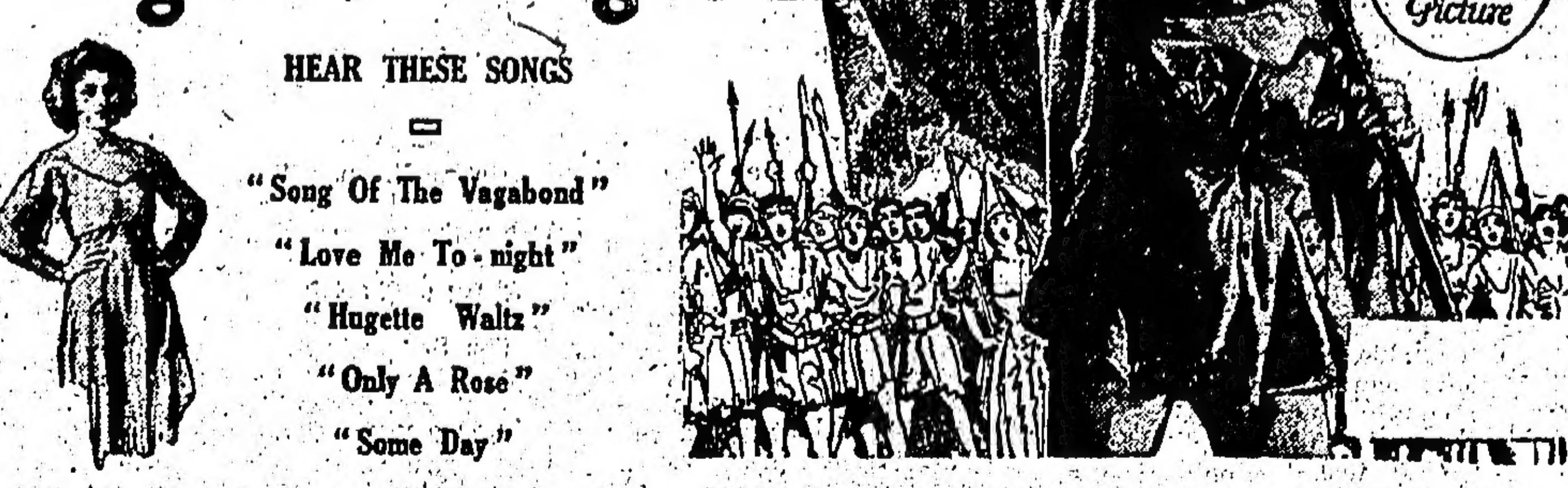
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Medley of Chappell Ballads (2nd Record)
Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.
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"Les Cloches De Corneville"—Selection (2nd Record)
The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.
- C-1881 — "The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection (1st Record)
"The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection (2nd Record)
The London Palladium Orchestra.
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- Potpourri of Waltzes (2nd Record)
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- C-1987 — Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo—1930 (3rd Record)
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- C-2039 — "Les Cloches De Corneville"—Vocal Gems (1st Record)
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Light Opera Company.
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"The Maid of the Mountains"—Vocal Gems (2nd Record)
Light Opera Company.
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A Musical Trip Round the British Isles (2nd Record)
Light Opera Company.
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The Smoking Concert (2nd Record)
- C-2080 — (a) Hall, Holy Child (b) Sweet Was The Song
(Arr. Wood)
(a) Rocking (Martin Show) (b) Ding Dong,
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ADVERSARIA.

"Without fear, favour or malice."

Last week the onions and liver was a bit the Muse, crochety, perhaps, and so the Muse was able to give us only one jingle; we hesitate to call it a "poem." Albeit, the more facetious of our quill-nibbling brethren find poetry in life, whether dithyrambic or gas meter. Even the modest sausage has been known to inspire a lyric:

Oh, Savoy, thy beauty
Is deeper than the skin
Which hides thy brown and fruity
Mysteriousness within.

(After Nietzsche).

As for the onion—but speak not of the onion, that translucent enemy of lovers, fouler of tête-à-têtes, and co-conspirator of the weeping movie "star." How could one year to capture "the last fine, careless rapture" of the odious onion, whether of the Spanish variety, so loved by the gentlemen with the barrel organs, or that alabaster-white, deceptive Spring genus which decorates the luncheon tables of respectable Clubs? Even Vergil, that master of the art of cataloguing vegetables and fruits, would surely have paused before sinking his stile into the waken tablet to paen the praises of *Allium Cepa*. Yet, we are told, the onion is represented on ancient Egyptian monuments and one variety cultivated in Egypt was accorded divine honours. There is a legend (handed down in our family) that Cleopatra wood the asp to her bosom by the odour of her breath scented by the precious onions of Alexandria. But men are more fastidious than snakes, so that is perhaps why Caesar turned her down.

St. Patrick always been con-Comes into His Own, a bly peaceful corner of the Far East, removed from wars and daily political troubles, and seldom in this generation do we hear of a sailor being knocked out in the bar. Now that we have a St. Patrick's Society here, however, the Seafarers had best look out for your rates. We hear that one member has already ordered a consignment of shallalagus from Ulster, Begorra!

When Cleo, fairer of face, The last of Phoenicia died, her young Asp, who was pulled a face and looked very ugly, said, "That Cleopatra's asp, I'm told, is a killer."

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Hong Kong, a seaman of the Water Police, pleaded not guilty at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when charged before Mr. Butters with assaulting the manager of the Po Hing Theatre on December 8. Defendant denied assaulting the manager, but Mr. Butters convicted and imposed a fine of \$20 or three weeks' imprisonment.

A girl named V. Sheesmith, aged 3 years, and residing at 3 "B" Block, Kennedy Road, was yesterday sent to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from injuries to the leg and arm caused through

there be troublous times ahead, surely! To make matters worse, it won't be possible to send a strong cordon of Police to the St. Patrick's Ball (Och, pwhat a dance that will be!) for pwhat do ye think, nearly all the Police are Irishmen! One consolation we have is that the Irish in Hong Kong are a quiet, peaceable lot, not like those hooligans in Liverpool, where recently bricks and railings were torn up by the Protestants and thrown at the Parish priest, Father Denis O'Shea, whose hat was knocked off.

In Erin's fair island men do pwhat they like,

There's never a happier darlin than Mike,

Yo may love, ye may laugh, and

It's a little indacent to have one

more drink.

There are taxes, tis true, but bless

me, who pays 'em?

And Erse lessons at School, but no

body says 'em.

In fact, its a land where ye do as ye

like,

An' there's niver a happier darlin

than Mike.

Yo may be the Pope's puppet or a

Protestant foine,

(The Kirk's a grand hobby, it truly

ain't moine).

Yo may call yerself Orange, or

Ulsterman true.

But pwhat ever ye are and pwhat

ever ye do,

In Erin's fair Island ye do pwhat ye

like,

With Murphy, and Patrick, and

Cassey, and Mike.

* * *

The following

A Romance of little romance

St. George's owes its in-

spiration to the

dance pro-

gramme at St. George's Ball on

Tuesday night, and we trust none

of the charming dancers took the

ton to part.

"Bliss is the night, rolling down

the river . . . little white

lies . . . mistakes! My dream

memory says my heart belongs to the

girl who belongs to somebody else.

So lover, come back to me; have a

little faith in me! Though I'm just a

vagabond lover, my heart beats for you

and some day I'll find you sing

a song to the stars. Ah, I love

you so much (the kiss waltz)

body and soul. If I had a girl

like you swinging in the hammock,

or pickin' petals of the daines, she'd

be such a comfort to me. Rolling

down the river . . . deep night."

Utter piffle, isn't it? Yet

tunes such as these lure our

young hopefuls to wear out their

soles (souls) when they should be

in bed, and to keep their arts up

their sleeves (the heart trick).

* * *

I hope I am not giving the

"secret" away too soon when I state

that Dr. Herklots, who is co-Editor

of the Hong Kong Naturalist, con-

templates in the near future bring

out another periodical. It

will bear the modest title "Occa-

sional Notes", and will deal prin-

cipally with matters of horticul-

ture interest and should be popular

with those who take an interest in

or who are lucky enough to possess

gardens in the Colony. Dr. Herklots

lives, who has thus thrust upon him

a double journalistic burden, is

one of the most hard-working man

in the Colony. When he is not

lecturing he is writing, editing, or

scouring the hills for flora and

fauna. His collection of the

latter has already reached consider-

31ST ANNIVERSARY OF SINCERE'S.

Development of China's Marshal Field.

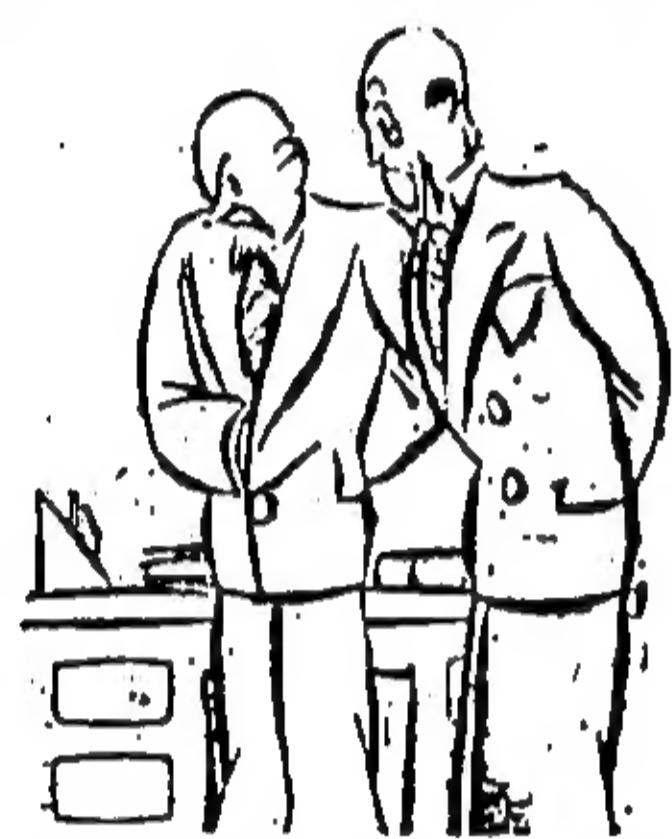
PUBLIC CONFIDENCE.

The Sincere Co., Ltd., are celebrating to-day their 31st anniversary. Established in 1900, this company commenced business in a small shop in Queen's Road Central, when commercial development in the Colony was in its infancy and when business was generally done here in the old-fashioned way of haggling and bargaining.

Through difficulties the company managed to gain the public's confidence in the one-price policy which they first introduced into China, and the following up of this policy has made them grow until to-day they have become the China's Marshal Field, having a seven-storeyed modern building in Hong Kong for their headquarters and magnificent branch stores in Shanghai and Canton, with capital increased from \$25,000 to \$10,000,000.

Besides department store business, the company are also interested in fire and life insurance, perfumery, aerated water manufacturing, and hotel keeping.

This firm are having special window displays showing the development and scope of their business, which are extremely interesting.



"The safe has been robbed. How much was in it?"

"Only three shillings."

"Well, when there is less than ten shillings in it do not lock the safe in future. It is better to lose the money than to have the safe repaired." — *Buen Humor, Madrid.*

MAN EATERS.

TWENTY NATIVES EATEN BY LIONS IN UGANDA.

[By F. S. D. Atherton.] Lions in their natural state seem to prefer animal flesh to human.

But once they have tasted human flesh their taste for it seems to inflame them to such an extent that they will take any risks to appease the longing. Daylight raids, of the kind reported from Uganda, are a common occurrence. There is also the case on record where a man-eater jumped into a railway carriage and took his victim.

The lion kills as a rule at night, the usual method being for some of the lions to post themselves downwind of a mob of game, while one or more get upwind of the unsuspecting game. By a series of grunts, or by giving the game their scant, one section stampedes the terrified animals into the lions waiting downwind.

In daylight, they rarely kill in the daytime, but on several occasions I have seen lions stalking game in broad daylight, both in Kenya Colony and Tanganyika Territory, but without success. On one such occasion a lion and lioness were stalking a wildebeeste on an open plain at eight o'clock in the morning. They took no notice of my car 20 or 30 yards away, from which film of this interesting event was being taken.

Unfortunately I disturbed the wildebeeste and probably spolt a very interesting kill. On my shooting the wildebeeste shortly afterward the lions at once approached and fed in broad daylight, and allowed the car which had been used for filming to be brought up again quite close.

The so-called daylight lions of Tanganyika were simply lions who had never been molested and therefore had no reason for seeking cover during daylight. Practically all African game animals are plain dwellers until shot at. Then they naturally seek cover as a protection from human enemies.

The lions mentioned as having carried off twenty victims are probably some which escaped the hunters a year or two ago when the Uganda Government sent out white hunters to destroy a troop (or pride) of lions which were a menace to the natives. It was found that not only did the grown-up lions kill humans for food but the cubs were being taught to do likewise. And a race of lions was being bred to be man-eaters from birth.

MR. W. R. HEARST & HIS AMBITIONS.

Has He Designs on the White House?

Mr. William Randolph Hearst, the American publisher, has Presidential ambitions.

Such, at least, is an explanation given of the series of triumphal tours which he has organised in his honour in every town in which his newspapers enable him to bring his influence to bear on the local politicians.

The appearance of buttons bearing the legend "Hearst for President" adds to the likelihood of the theory.

Mr. Hearst has had little success in his political schemes, and his nominees for office have usually been defeated. He has one supporter in the Senate, Dr. Copeland, who writes medical advice in his papers, but that is all.

When the present senior Senator for California, Mr. Hiram Johnson, retires, as he intends to do at the end of his present term, Mr. Hearst will push forward the candidature of Mr. Neilan, legal adviser to his newspapers, and he probably has similar plans in other parts of the country.

It is impossible to tell, as yet, whether Mr. Hearst intends to be the democratic or republican presidential candidate. His papers in the present election support either democrats or republicans, according to local conditions, but the odds are that he will be true to his old love, and come down on the democratic side.

Triumphal Receptions.

The triumphal receptions which Mr. Hearst has organised have followed a stereotyped pattern. He has been met at the station by city officials in cars decorated with flowers and flags.

With much sounding of sirens, to attract the population, he is escorted to the city hall, where speeches of welcome are made by the Mayor, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, and other dignitaries of the place, who feel that it would be unwise to offend so powerful an individual.

A banquet follows, at which there are more speeches interspersed with vocal and musical items, so that citizens will be encouraged to "tune-in" their radios.

The speeches which Mr. Hearst makes in reply consist of a few words explaining that his expulsion from French soil was a very minor matter which caused him no real concern, followed by a violent and vicious attack upon France, which shows that the rebuff must have penetrated well beneath the skin.

In Los Angeles he wound up a long tirade against everything French with "France is arrogant and insolent, greedy and aggressive, unjust and oppressive. France holds Europe in the iron grip of her war machine.... The whole record of European relations is a history of hate, a blotted page of battle and bloodshed, of cruelty and tyranny." Red, White and Blue.

When the text of this outburst reached San Francisco it was politely suggested to Mr. Hearst that he should confine his remarks in that city to a discussion of newspaper development.

This he declined to do, but his speech was distinctly milder.

An amusing feature of the San Franciscan parade was that Mr. Hearst drove beneath a waving avenue of French flags.

The city possessed a number of red, white, and blue flags, which are frequently used in American decoration for they are the American colours, and these, whether by accident or design, were prominently displayed.

The same week San Francisco's most popular variety theatre was "featuring" a grand orchestral item entitled "Salute to France," a mixture of "Ca c'est Paris" and the "Marseillaise," which was thundered forth with additional drums and brass and a lavish display of show girls. It obtained far more applause than did Mr. Hearst.

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The most exhaustive census ever undertaken in Canada to ascertain the condition of an agricultural industry will be launched by the British Columbia Government in the Okanagan fruit belt immediately to ascertain the value of every acre of irrigated land in the Valley, where money has been lent to fruit-growers. The question will be very carefully

FREAK STAMP COLLECTION.

Pasted on Cottage Walls.

RARITIES OF VALUE.

Paris, Dec. 1. The most freakish and one of the most valuable stamp collections in the world is pasted on the walls of the cottage of a priest in the Savoy Alps. Collectors who have found the stamps have bid fabulous prices for the right to steam the collection from the walls, but since church property belongs to the French Government, the stamps must remain pasted up until they are spoiled by time.

The collection was started a half century ago by a young priest who had no other distraction in the mountain village. The community is an hour's walk and climb from the nearest road. But the priest received a great quantity of mail, and friends sent him stamps to add to his collection. 250,000 Stamps. He started pasting stamps on the bare walls in place of wall paper, and then as the collection grew, pasted more on top, making Greek designs out of the issues of various countries. There are nearly a quarter of a million old postage stamps on the four walls of the salon, many of them now rare issues much sought after by collectors.

The French collection is particularly rich, with copies even of the famous balloon stamps issued for air mail by gassing when Paris was being besieged by the Germans in the war of 1870.

There is a rare triangular stamp from the Cape of Good Hope, some rare Vatican stamps of the first issue before Italy took over the Pontifical territory, war stamps from 1870 from Alsace and Lorraine, the first emissions of Norway, the famous Greek Mercury series, and many others.

The value of the collection is estimated at £2,500.—United Press.

EGG-LAYING MAMMALS.

New Guinea Echidnas at The Zoo.

There are only two kinds of living mammals which have preserved the habit of their reptilian ancestors and produce their young as unhatched eggs. Of these the Duck-billed Platypus, a soft-furred animal with a horny bill like that of a duck, and webbed feet, is found only in Tasmania and Southern and Eastern Australia. It is aquatic, forming burrows in the sides of streams with their entrances under water-level. It lives on worms, fresh water shrimps, and such small fry. It has never reached Europe alive, but one was taken to New York in an elaborately constructed tank, but lived only a few days.

The second mammal, Echidna, the Spiny Anteater, has two species, a smaller one found in Tasmania, Australia, and New Guinea, and a larger, found only in North-Western New Guinea.

Echidnas have long, probe-like snouts and clawed feet; the body is covered with coarse hair among which are set sharp, brittle spines. They are terrestrial, living in forest country and probing the ground for the grubs and worms on which they feed. Both species have been exhibited in European Zoos. The first known to have been brought to Europe alive was sold to the London Zoo for £12 by Jähnrich in 1845; it was one of the smaller species. It lived only a few days. Since then many examples of that species have been imported and have lived well, feeding chiefly on chopped raw meat.

Lord Rothschild purchased and deposited in the London Gardens two examples of the large New Guinea species in 1912; one died seven years later; the other is still living and has been joined by another, also purchased by Lord Rothschild.

Although these animals are of great zoological interest and are odd to look at, they are good popular exhibits as they are entirely nocturnal, spending the day coiled up in their sleeping-box. When taken out they grunt angrily and hiss almost like a reptile.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

To-morrow—Tea Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

January 23—Society of Yorkshiresmen Cabaret-Dinner Dance, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

January 17—Old Bedfordian Dinner, 8 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre,

"The Unholy Three,"

To-day—Central Theatre

"The Vagabond King,"

To-day—World Theatre,

"Chasing through Europe,"

To-day—Sax's Theatre,

"State Street Sadie,"

To-day—Majestic Theatre;

"Carnation Kid,"

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from America and ports (President Harrison);

Outward for Europe via Siberia (Patroclus), 5 p.m.

Monday—Inward from America and ports (Asama Maru); Outward for Europe via San Francisco, 5 p.m., and Europe via Siberia, 6 p.m. (President Madison).

Meetings.

Wednesday—Meeting of Graduates in the Great Hall of the University, 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday—Annual General Meeting of Boy Scouts' Association, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Miscellaneous.

Monday—Hong Kong University Degree Day.

Monday—Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Lecture on "Sleep And Dreams" by Dr. P. Fenlon.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—

Bank, wire 11 1/2

Bank, on demand 11 1/2

Bank, 4 months' sight 11 1/2

Credits, 4 months' sight 11 1/2

Documentary, 4 months' sight 11 1/2

On Paris—

On demand 5 1/2

Credits, 4 months' sight 5 1/2

On New York—

On demand 22 1/2

Credits, 60 days' sight 23 1/2

On Bombay—

Wire 62 1/2

On demand 62 1/2

On Calcutta—

Wire 62 1/2

On demand 62 1/2

On Singapore—

On demand 40

On Manila—

On demand 45 1/2

On Shanghai—

On demand 78 1/2

Dollar 1/2 dis.

On Yokohama—

On demand 45 1/2

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 11 1/2

Silver (per oz.) 13 3/16

Bar Silver in Hong Kong 4% prem. nom.

Copper Cash Nominal

Copper Cents 3/2 prem.

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Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

Rugby, Yesterday.

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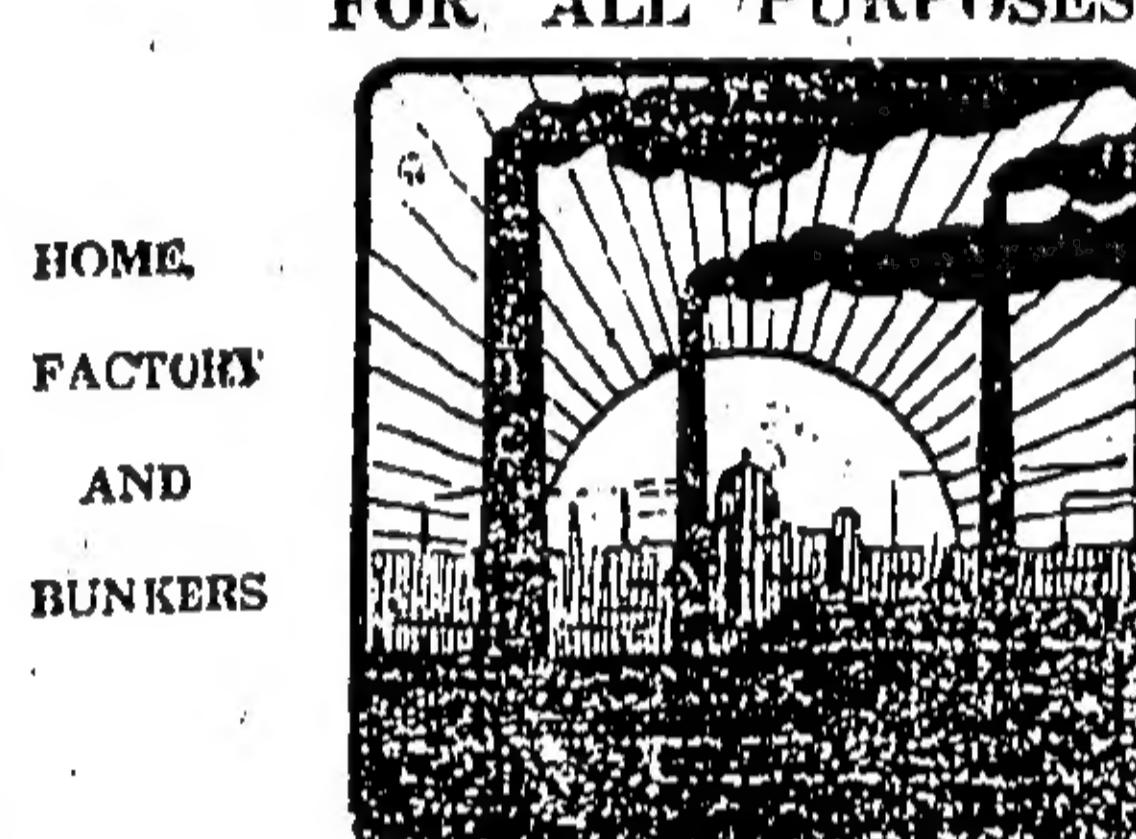
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HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

ROUND THE CAMP FIRE

SHANGHAI GUIDES.

Gratifying Progress Of Movement.

The Girl Guide movement celebrates its coming of age in 1932, and it is surprising how many people know that Girl Guides exist, but are entirely ignorant of their aims, ideals and methods. Lord Baden Powell, the founder of the movement, laid them down as follows:—

"The Girl Guide Movement has been incorporated by Royal Charter for the purpose of developing good citizenship among girls by forming their character, training them in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance; inculcating loyalty and thoughtfulness for others; teaching them services useful to themselves; promoting their physical development; making them capable of keeping good homes and of bringing up good children. Its desire is to co-operate with educational and other bodies working to this end.

The method of training is to give the girls pursuits which appeal to them, such as games and recreative exercises, which lead them to learn for themselves many useful crafts. It is a scheme of younger and older sisters playing games together, rather than the instruction of privates by officers in a cut and dried disciplinary machine, or by pupils, by school teachers in an academic curriculum."

Guide Movement World Wide. These aims and methods were originally meant for the girls of Britain, but it was not long before companies of Guide and Scouts sprang up in other countries, and to-day the Guide movement is to be found in every country of the world. There are 269,375 Foreign Guides; 518,826 Guides in Great Britain and 106,302 in the Overseas Dominions, making a world total of 894,503.

The Shanghai Association is a very small part of this great organization, but 358 is no mean total for foreign girls here. This total comprises 31 Guides and officers, 210 Rangers and Guides, and 117 Brownies. There are one Ranger Company, 7 Guide Companies and 7 Brownie Packs in the local association, the majority of which are connected with the various schools, but the Ranger Company and two Guide Companies are open to all girls of every nationality and hold their meetings in the Headquarters Room at 2 Peking Road, Room 305.

All Packs and Companies hold weekly meetings, at which the programmes are based on the four main aims of Guiding, viz.:—character development, service, health, handicrafts. These programmes are arranged by the company Guiders and Patrol Leaders of a committee meeting called a

Court of Honour, held prior to the weekly meeting.

Proficiency Badge Work.

Proficiency Badge work forms part of the regular routine, and girls are encouraged to earn the four badges necessary before the Test for First Class Guide may be taken, viz.—Cook, Child nurse, needlewoman—Ambulance or Sick Nurse. These badges are quite difficult to attain, requiring work spread over two or more years, and 15 per cent. marks are required for a pass. There are numerous other badges, covering handicrafts, domestic science, specialized knowledge, and hobbies, but the choice of these is left mainly to the girls themselves.

Much benefit is derived from inter-patrol competitions and games, the team spirit being emphasized and the desire of work for the honour of the patrol and not for self.

Handwork, Nature Study, Country Dancing, Drill and Singing all have their place in the programmes, so that a Guide needs to be pretty versatile. Fortunately the assistance of interested friends outside the Movement is very often available.

To encourage the individual to find ways of being useful and helpful to others, each company makes at least one combined effort to bring happiness to others. At Christmas time last year one Company gave a very delightful party to orphanage children, providing tea and presents out of their own non too well lined pockets. Another provided a destitute family with Christmas dinner and presents and provisions for days to come, whilst two others gathered together clothes and toys for a Baby Home. Deeds quickly and quietly done, but who can tell the benefit to givers and receivers?

Camping is Popular.

Camping is very popular with all Companies, and owing to the Boy Scouts' Association, Millington Camp is available to the Guiden once week end a month through the Spring and Summer months. Until one has camped with girls, it is impossible to realize fully the benefits that are derived from erecting tent, chopping wood, lighting fires, cooking food, and attending to all Camp duties in turn, and above all tackling every job cheerfully. Camp has been the only holiday possible to some Shanghai girls, and has given them untold delight.

There are many annual Divisional activities, such as Sports Rally, Company Inspection, Swimming Gala, and events to help finances, the success of which during the past year have shown that Guiding in Shanghai is in a healthy and active state. The esprit de corps of the Division is wonderful, but as each Captain only sees her Guides for a short

BISHOP DEDICATES ROVER SCOUT CHAPEL.

The Bishop of Southwark recently dedicated the Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi, in the crypt of St. Luke's Church, West Norwood, as a Rover Scout Chapel.

The 8th South Lambeth Rover Scouts who have their Headquarters in the crypt of the Church are responsible for the work in the Chapel, the altar of which is a replica of the beautiful English altar in Southwark Cathedral. It is intended that as each Rover Scout in the 8th South Lambeth Rover Crew makes himself responsible for some definite Rover service, a shield symbolic of that service will be hung on the walls of the Chapel.

A CAMP FIRE.

First collect your firewood, always dry wood, never green branches or wood that has lain long on the ground.

Lay a few sticks flat on the ground. Then put bark, dry leaves and such things to start the fire going with. On top of this lay a few twigs and small pieces of dry wood.

Finally, stand on the windward side, and put a match to your bark and dry leaves. When the fire is well alight, logs may be added. For cooking one needs plenty of red hot embers.

HOBBIES FOR SCOUTS.

The most popular gauge of model railways is gauge O, which is 1 1/4". The gauge of a railway is the distance between the inside faces of the lines. It is said that so small a gauge as 2 1/2" can pull its owner. The clockwork loco. is the most used by youngsters. It is always ready for immediate use, and its few controls are learned in a few moments. After purchasing a train and lines, it is easy to make articles such as small figures, a station, hooded lights, signals, and model railway sheds and bridges, etc. All these help to make your model railway very realistic. The small hooded lights need not be the same all the while, tiny globes may be fitted, and worked off the house supply of electricity. Perhaps a model steam engine is more realistic, those may be run on coal and charcoal.

At first a model railway may be purchased as a toy, but you become interested in it, and it quickly becomes a pastime, and from a pastime it develops into one of the most fascinating hobbies ever known;

time each week it is impossible for her to judge the full effect of Guiding on the girls, and the cooperation and interest of parents are desired in order to make Guiding here the development of the highest and finest in each Guide, which is the main aim of the Movement.—North China Sunday News.

CAMERA OBSCURA.

Scouts Will Like To Try This.

In the first place secure an ordinary cigar box and saw off half the lid. Now obtain a piece of looking glass that will just fit inside the box. Also obtain a piece of ground or frosted, glass to take the place of the half-lid cut away.

With some glue or paste, fit the glass face upwards at the end of box, at an angle of 45 degrees. Now glue the ground glass to the top of the box, just over the mirror. Fix a small, cheap lens in hole at the end of the box opposite the mirror to receive the lens; then fix in position with glue.

To use, hold it so that the lens points towards the view. Screen away the light from the ground glass, and on it you will then have the view.

BARTER GUIDE FLAG.

In the St. George district, there is a flag, which was presented by Mrs. Barter, of Hurstville, in 1927, for the best all-round company in the district.

This flag was won in 1927 by Hurstville, 1928 and 1929 by Bexley, and 1930 by Kogarah.

This year the competition took the form of a "held day." First of all, the companies were drilled in turn. After that, different patrols in each company were given certain "work" to do. One had to render first aid, the message being sent by "Morse," while another had to answer nature questions.

Next came ball games, e.g., overhead, tunnel, and cross ball, and then a relay race. After tea, there was a "camp fire," at which the results of the competition were given out. These were met with much enthusiasm from every company in the district, not least of which was the successful company —Kogarah.

SMOKE SIGNALS.

Smoke signals are most useful to a Scout when he is out of sight, or too far away to be seen. You must have a smoky fire (not the sort to boil the billy, or sit around for a yarn!).

To signal, you must cause the smoke to ascend at varied intervals—long and short, arranged according to your code. This you can regulate by stoking the fire with damp grass and leaves, and spreading a wet blanket, or old piece of carpet, or sacking over it, and remove it.

HEADQUARTERS FOR BATH SCOUTS.

Mr. Ronald Wills, Assistant District Commissioner of the Bath and District Boy Scouts Association, has provided the Association with rent-free headquarters. These consist of four rooms which Mr. Wills has had redecorated and furnished.

HEREFORDSHIRE SCOUT CHIEF RESIGNS.

Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Sleeman, who for eight years has been County Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of Herefordshire, has resigned, owing to the many calls made upon his time from outside the County. He has recently succeeded General Sir Havelock-Charles as Chief Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade overseas, which will necessitate his absence from home during much of the year.

Lord Baden-Powell has appointed as Colonel Sleeman's successor Lieut.-Colonel C. M. Thorneycroft, who was in charge of Arena Displays at last year's World Jamboree at Birkenhead.

ROTARY GIVE SCOUTS' CAMPING GROUND.

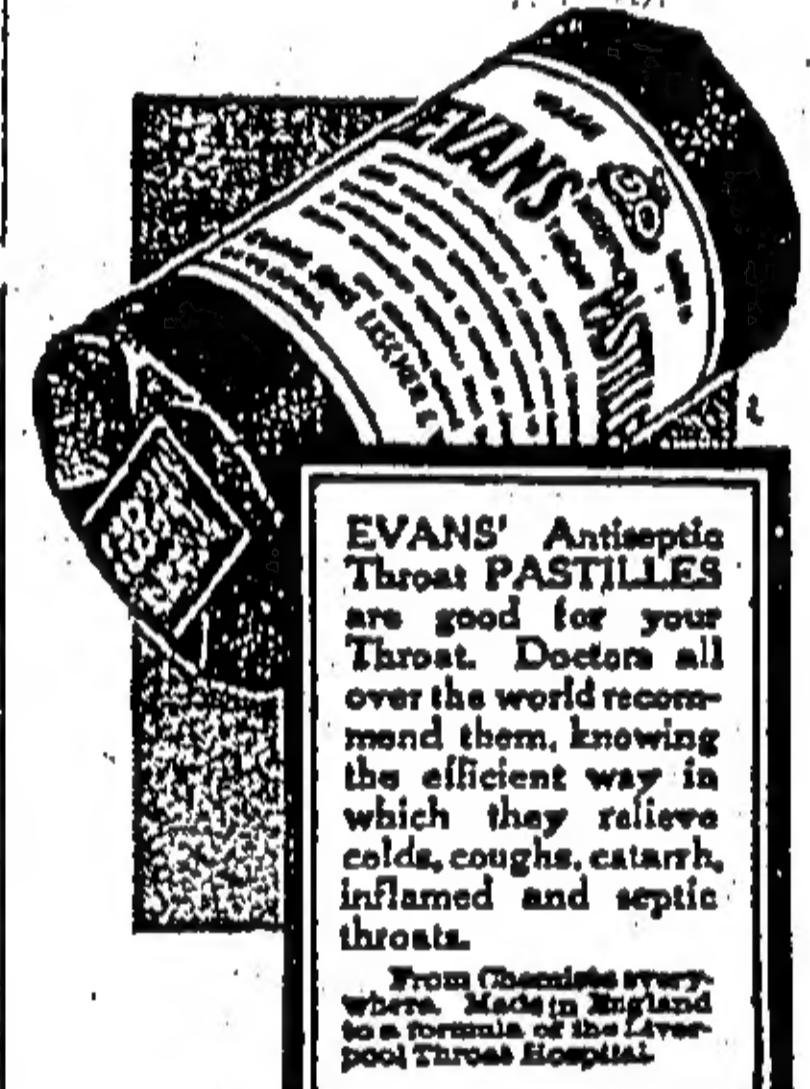
The Workington Rotarians have secured a camping ground of some acres for presentation to the Boy Scouts. The ground is between Branthwaite and Loweswater in Cumberland.

HUDDERSFIELD'S SCOUTS.

At the Annual Meeting of the Huddersfield Boy Scouts Association it was announced that there had been a large increase in the Boy Scouts of the Association, the total increase for the Scout year just concluded being 599.

ON THE BALL, BABY!

Edinburgh Wolf Cubs, the junior Boy Scouts, at the Annual Sing-Song, presented Lady Glentanar, wife of Lord Glentanar, the Commissioner for Scotland, with a giant woolly ball for her little daughter.



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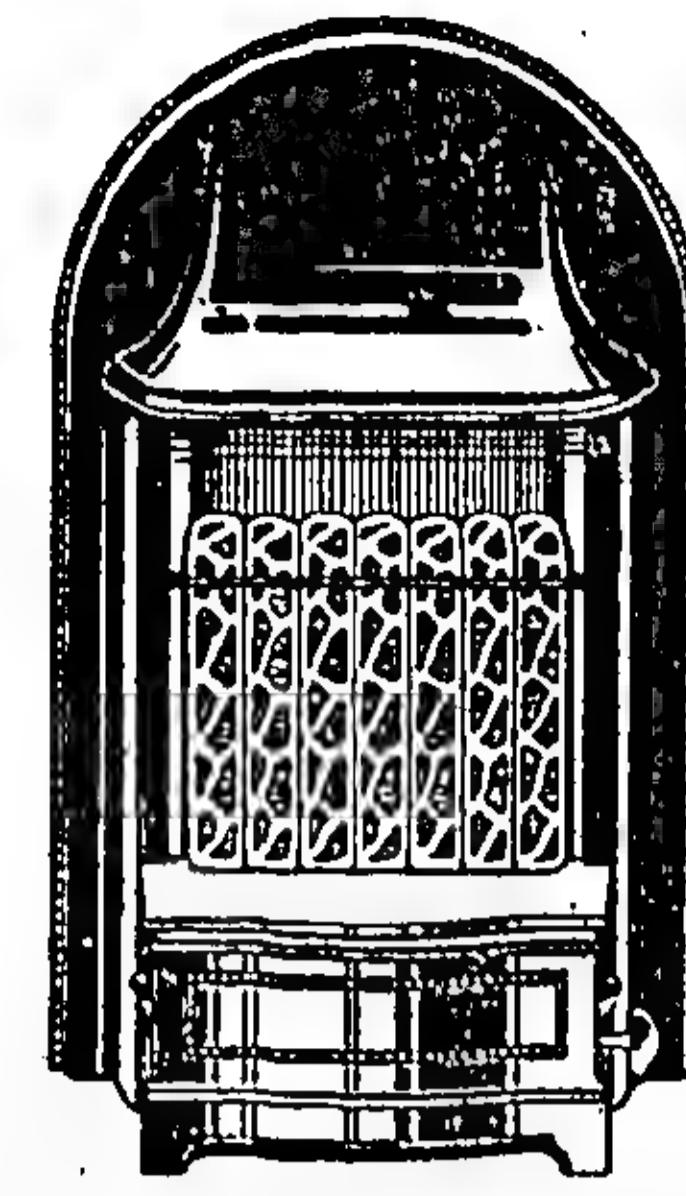
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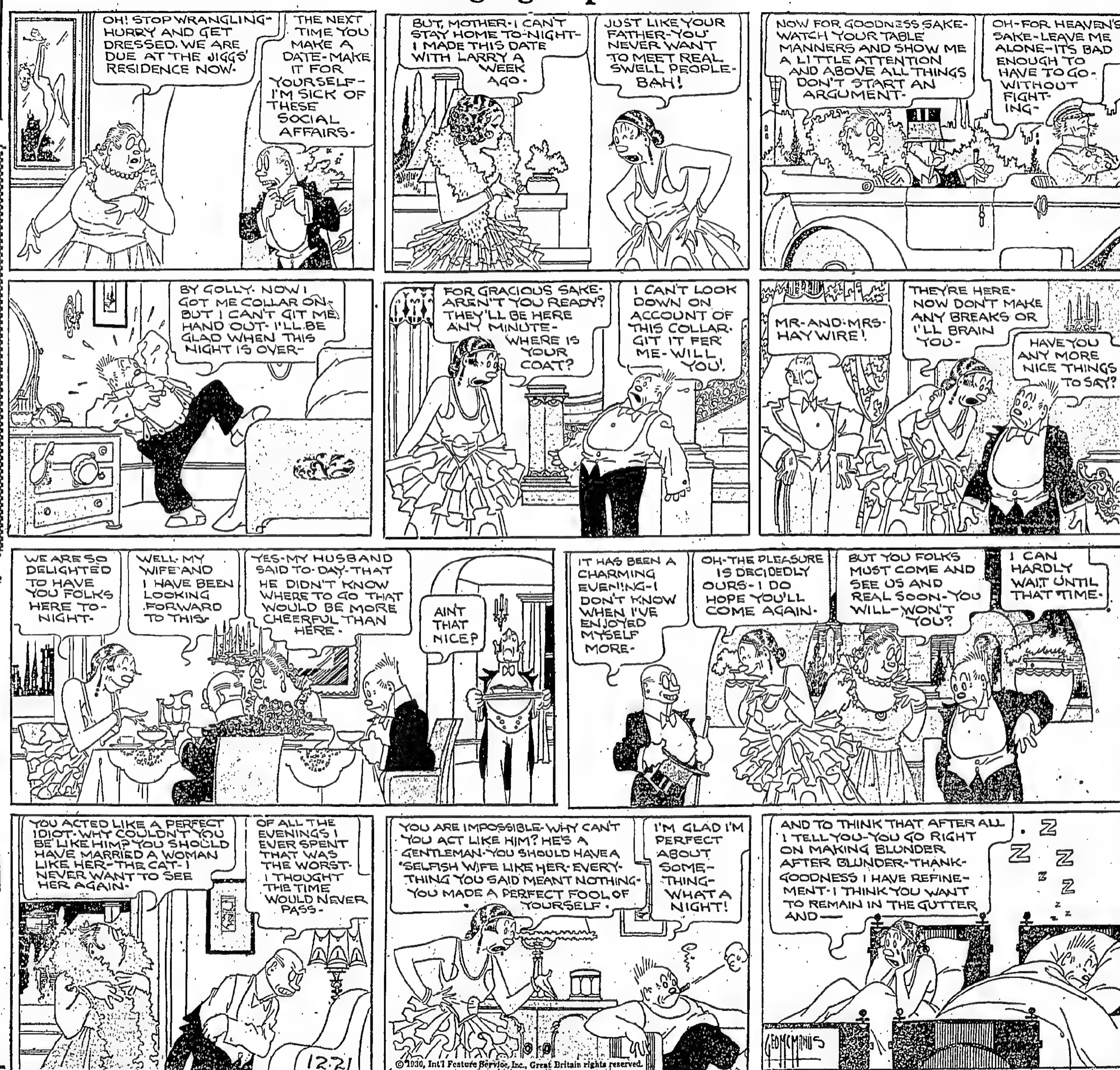
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FARRELL MEETS NEW HAZARD.

Rattlesnake Obstacle to Victory.

A NEAR THING.

Miami, Florida, Jan. 3. Johnny Farrell, former open golf champion, narrowly missed being bitten by a rattlesnake during the playing of the final round of the Miami open tournament here to-day.

The snake lay between Farrell and the ball as the player approached the fourteenth green. Being intent upon the ball, Farrell didn't see the snake until after it had struck at him and barely missed his leg. A player killed the snake with Farrell's niblick.

Eddie Williams, Cleveland professional, won the tournament with a total of 144 for the 36 holes. He made 70 yesterday and 74 to-day.

Farrell returned cards of 74 yesterday and 73 to-day for a total of 147.—Associated Press.

CHAMPION JOCKEY ENTERTAINS.

Long Years of Anxious Waiting.

WEBSTER'S CARTOON

Fred Fox, the champion jockey, entertained a number of his fellow riders at the Piccadilly Hotel.

It was a gathering of little men, men who had been dieting all the season, but on this occasion, spurred on by their long abstention, they gave way to their appetites and did full justice to such delicacies as eau-de-vie and turtle soup.

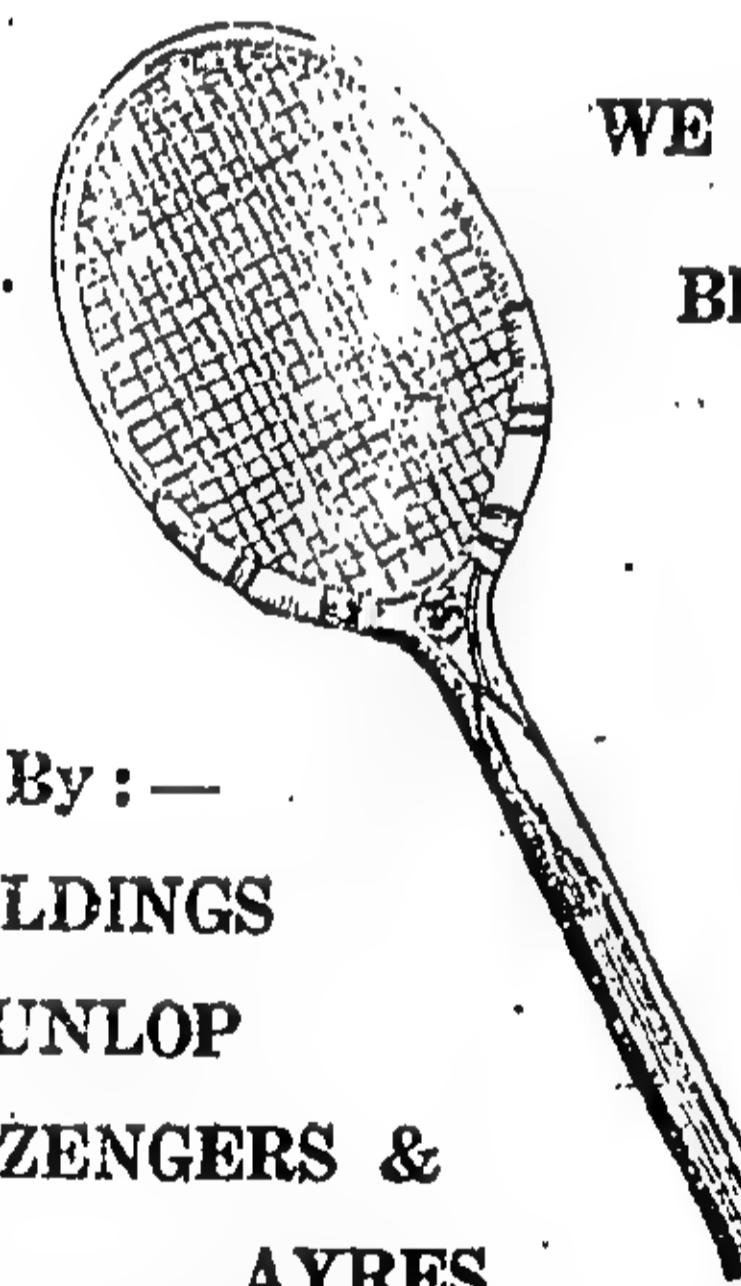
A Tom Webster cartoon, showing a disgruntled horse — Isthmus — saying, "Leading jockey, is he? Well, he could not have been so without me!" (Fox won the championship on Isthmus) caused roars of laughter.

Fox, who is 42, and had striven 28 years to win the championship, was toasted in champagne by his guests.

At the commencement, the company stood for a few seconds in silence in respect for the memory of Felix Leach, the trainer.

Mr. S. Galtrey, the chairman, said that Leach was a great fellow and a great sportsman. He explained that as many of the guests had come from long distance, the dinner could not very well be postponed, especially as information had come from Newmarket that it was desirable to proceed.

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MR. KAYE DON AGAIN TAKES TO SPEED.

World's Water Speed Record to Be Attacked.

IDEAL VENUE.

Belfast, Dec. 8. A picturesque five-mile stretch of water along the Ballyronan shore of Lough Neagh was definitely selected to-day as the venue for the speed trials in connection with the new attempt to be made on the world's water speed record by Mr. Kaye Don in Miss. England II.

An examination of the course was carried out at the week-end by Mr. Fred Cooper, designer of the boat, which is owned by Lord Wakefield.

"It is a fine stretch of water," said Mr. Cooper, "and I think it will be ideal for the purpose of the trials."

Mr. Cooper returned to England this evening and will be back in Belfast with Mr. Kaye Don about the middle of January, when the trials will be made.

Altogether there will be a staff of about eight, including Mr. J. Wileox, who was the only survivor of the accident on Lake Windermere.

KINGSFORD SMITH'S WEDDING.

Tremendous Enthusiasm in Melbourne.

FAMOUS AIRMAN.

Melbourne, December 9. Traffic was held up here by an eager crowd of 10,000 people waiting to catch a glimpse of Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith and his bride, Miss Mary Powell, whose wedding was celebrated in the Scots Church to-day.

The bride wore a dress of white and silver, with a long tulle veil. Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith wore Air Force uniform.

The best man was Mr. Ulm, who has accompanied Kingsford Smith on many of his flights, and the bride was attended by four bridesmaids. A number of Air Force officers who were present made an archway with their swords for the couple to pass through.

Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith has flown round the world. He was the first to cross the Pacific by air, has flown from Ireland to the United States, and made record solo flight from England to Australia last October in 9 days 21 hours.

GOSSIP IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC GAMES OF 1940 FOR TOKYO?

DAVIS ECLIPSES HIS OWN SNOOKER RECORD.

THIRTEEN SPADES ARE REDOUBLED SUCCESSFULLY

TRIBUTE TO "JOHNNY WON'T HIT TO-DAY" DOUGLAS.

According to the Athletics Asahi, a plan to hold the International Olympic Games in Tokyo in 1940 is already being discussed in interested quarters. The year 1940 being the 2,600th anniversary of the accession of the Jimmu Tenno, the first Emperor of Japan, to the Throne, it is expected that celebrations will be proposed on an elaborate scale and it is proposed the efforts should also be made to get Tokyo chosen as the venue of the Olympic Games in that year. The next Games are to be held at Los Angeles in 1932 and the 1936 venue is likely to be either Germany or Spain.

Recently, the matter was discussed between Mr. Nagata, Mayor of Tokyo, and Dr. Yamamoto, when the Mayor of Tokyo is said to have expressed enthusiasm over the plan. If the plan materialises, the grounds and fields will be laid out on the reclaimed land at Shibaura.

A feature of the Baseball baseball season in America has been the partial eclipse of the famous home-runner, Babe Ruth, of the New York Yankees. Ruth's salary (\$15,000 a year) exceeds that of the president of the United States. "Home-run" hitting has been Ruth's forte. This season he has had only 47 home-runs against 54 scored by Wilson, Chicago. In 1914 Ruth was sold to Boston for \$600. His present Club paid \$25,000 to get him back.

Mr. Ray Nunan, playing Bridge, in auction bridge at Montreal, was dealt a hand of thirteen spades. Preserving a good "poker face," he slyly bid a mere five spades, and was doubled. He promptly redoubled. Then he just threw his hand on the table, says the British United Press, and marked up a score of 942-252 points below the line, 400 above for extra tricks, 100 for grand slam, 100 for the contract, and 90 for honours.

When informed at Cricket, Darrawella of the loss of J. W. H. T. Douglas in a shipping disaster, Jack Hobbs said:—"I hope that the worst has not happened and that we shall hear he is safe. If it's true that he's dead, no one will feel his loss more than I, because I have known him very well. I might say that we were great pals. "I can imagine him pushing below in an heroic effort to save his father, because a more courageous fellow never stepped on a cricket field."

"I had three tours with him in Australia and one in South Africa, besides meeting him on the English cricket fields, and I am well aware of his qualities as a cricketer.

All my team mates join in an expression of great sorrow."

If the recommendation of the London Cycle Race promoters is adopted by the N.C.U. and made into a rule, riders who are late for their races may be fined.

This is an invariable practice on the Continent, and at the recent conference the English champion, S. T. Cozens, was among the advocates for it to be in London.

The conference also decided to shorten all meetings and frame a panel of competent officials who can be relied upon to conduct meetings in a brisk and business-like manner.

The promoters also came to the conclusion that women's racing has done a great deal of harm to the sport in London. This, together with more important schemes for reconstruction, will be discussed at an adjourned meeting.

"Amateurism in its Football, 1930 formula is impossible for France as it was impossible for England in 1926," declared Sir Frederick Wall, secretary to the Football

AMERICAN PRESTIGE CHALLENGED.

British Boxers in Search of U.S. Titles.

HARVEY'S PROBABLE MATCH.

Len Harvey is to be given a chance of winning the world's middle-weight championship. It is the intention of the American Board of Control to stage an eliminating contest between Dave Shadie and the coloured boxer, Harry Smith, and the winner probably will be called upon to meet Len Harvey, who is going to the United States.

The winner of the second bout will be the official challenger to Mickey Walker, who, in spite of the fact that he has been fighting among the light-heavies recently, is ready to defend his title.

Harvey already has gained a verdict over Shadie, and it is not expected that Harry Smith will intercept a second meeting between them in New York.

There are two other British boxers whose claims to title fights are recognised by America—Kid Berg in the light-weight division and Teddy Baldock in the bantams.

With three British fighters holding strong claims to world titles and Carnera menacing the heavy-weights, American supremacy in boxing is more seriously being challenged than has been the case for many years.

STEVE DONOGHUE WINS.

First Ride in Jamaica After His Accident.

SHORT HOLIDAY.

Kingston (Jamaica), Dec. 9.

Steve Donoghue rode Nun Nicer to victory at Knutsford Park races here. His mount, owned by Mr. B. C. Oliphant, won by six lengths.

Donoghue left England last month for Jamaica. He will also visit Cuba, Florida, and New York before returning to England for the start of the flat racing season. He is again to ride as first jockey to Sir Victor Sassoon.

Donoghue broke a leg in a fall during a race at Nottingham in August, and was unable to ride for the rest of last season.

Patterson represented his country on eight occasions, securing "caps" against Scotland, Wales, and France in 1912, and against England, Scotland, Wales, France, and South Africa in the following year.

Joe Davis, the English Snooker champion, beat his own world's Snooker record break at Leicester recently, when he had an effort of 105. The break was made up of 9 blacks, 3 blues, 2 pinks, and 15 reds. The previous best was 101 made by Davis against Lincoln in November.

Two interesting Tennis figures in Sydney tennis circles just now are the Japanese players, Ichikawa and Nakamura, who made their bow in the metropolitan championships. Nakamura, who has been in Australia little more than a year, is the holder of an inter-University title in his own country.

Unlike the majority of his countrymen, who favour an exaggerated top spin on their drives, Nakamura chops almost every ball. His unorthodoxy, more than anything else, enabled him to extend Alan Hall, one of our leading veterans, who had no effective counter to the chops.

Ichikawa, who learnt to play tennis in Australia, has developed rapidly, and his sporting activities do not rest at tennis. He is the present holder of the N.S.W. ping pong title. Both are members of a Mosman Club.

The Joint Committee of British and American yachtsmen, which met in New York after the conclusion of the races for the America's Cup, and which were successful in coming to unanimous agreement upon certain modifications to the rules of yacht measurement, have presented their reports to their respective governing bodies.

These reports must both be accepted before the amended rules finally become racing law in both countries. The report of the British side has already been accepted by the yachting authorities in Britain. The American committee's report will come before the New York Yacht Club's annual meeting.

It is confidently expected that the good work done by these committees in New York will result in establishing the sport of international yacht racing upon a basis which will give complete satisfaction on both sides of the Atlantic.

GREAT OPENING OF SWIMMING TOUR.

Dutch Girls Lower Two African Records.

GREAT STYLE.

Cape Town, Dec. 10. A team of Dutch women swimmers opened their tour of South Africa here in sensational fashion this evening, lowering two South African records. Miss Joyce Cooper's 200 yards free-style record of 2min. 31sec. was beaten by Miss M. Braun, of Rotterdam, who covered the distance in 2min. 26sec., and Miss Ellen King's 100 yards breast-stroke record was beaten by Miss C. Huybers in 1min. 22.3/5sec. better than Miss King's time.

THE ADVENT OF NEW GOLF BALL.

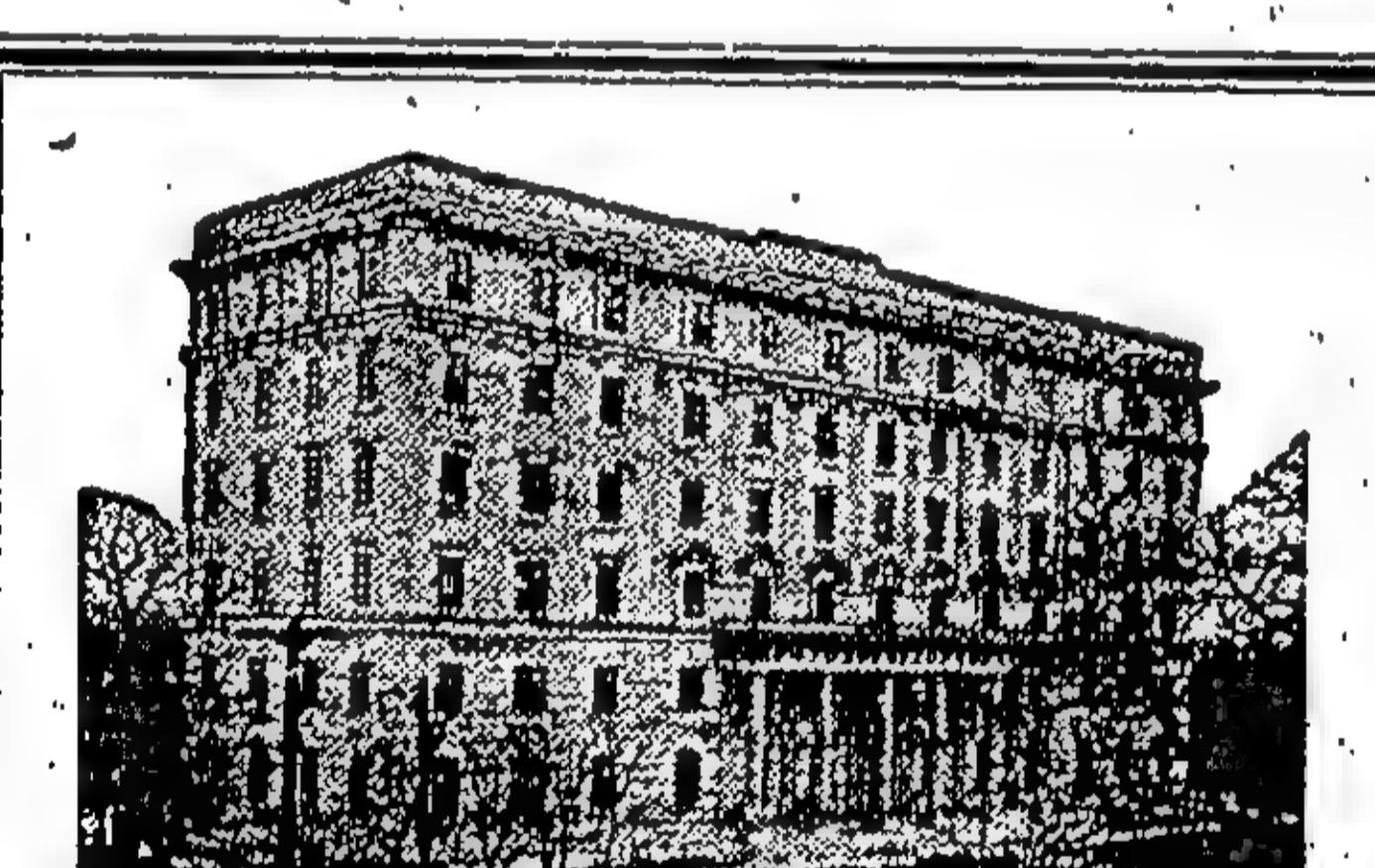
Great Golfers Play an Interesting Test.

COTTON'S BIG WIN.

Considerable interest was evinced by golfers in a match between T. H. Cotton and Mitchell at the Brockenhurst Manor course, New Forest, recently, in which the bigger and lighted ball standardised in America on January 1, was used. The result was a surprising one, Cotton being victorious by the overwhelming margin of 10 and 8. This is the biggest defeat Mitchell ever has sustained in a match of importance.

Cotton played superbly, while Mitchell was all at sea with the new ball, which, in the high wind blowing across the course, appeared unable to control. Definite results showed that down wind the big ball made no difference in the matter of distance, but against the wind there was a loss of 25 yards. Inaccuracies in striking were accentuated, control of shot becoming an essential factor in almost every respect. Cotton had a better command of the ball in conditions that were unfavourable.

Cotton accomplished what must be considered the magnificent score of one over 4.s. Cotton started with a couple of 3's, and from that point took command of the game. He was six up at the end of the first eighteen holes, and although losing the first hole in the afternoon, Cotton was eight up at the sixth, and becoming dormy, nine, won the match at the tenth, where Mitchell drove into a bush. While Cotton putted brilliantly Mitchell made many grievous mistakes on the greens.



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LOCAL TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

Decisive Cricket Match at K.C.C.

FOOTBALL AND HOCKEY.

The Kowloon Cricket Club entertain the Indian Recreation Club to-day in a League match. A great deal depends on the victory of either team as to who will capture the premiership in the senior division.

The I.R.C. have a very good record for their five matches this season, having gained 13 out of a possible 15 points. The K.C.C. on the other hand have only played one match—a drawn game against the Hong Kong Cricket Club.

A good keen game should be witnessed with a drawn game looming in the background. But cricket was always a game of uncertainty.

Football and hockey provide other features in this afternoon's sporting programme. Below we append probable teams for to-day's matches:

CRICKET.

K.C.C. Team.

The following will represent the K.C.C. and the I.R.C. in a League match on the K.C.C. ground today at 2 p.m. sharp:

K.C.C.—J. C. Lyle, E. C. Fincher, G. F. Fincher, F. Goodwin, W. Bruce, G. J. Zimmerman, W. C. Hung, G. C. Durnett, F. E. Lawrence, N. A. E. Mackay and R. A. Carroll.

I.R.C.—H. Ramjahn (Captain), A. H. Madar, A. el Arculli, A. A. Ramjahn, F. D. Pereira, S. A. Ismaili, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, O. Ismaili, S. A. Curreau and F. M. Arculli.

University Second Eleven.

The following have been selected to represent the University 2nd XI in a friendly match against Queen's College to-day at 2 p.m. sharp on the Home ground:

K. T. Luke (Captain), A. A. Aziz, G. E. Yeoh, P. L. Tan, P. M. N. da Silva, K. Leung, H. Nomanbhoy, W. James, E. Gosano, F. Zimmern and M. Yahyahoy.

Reserve: W. K. Chua.

Recreo Team.

The following will represent the Recreo in a friendly against the Indian R.C. to-day at King's Park:

L. J. Gutierrez, H. A. Alves, H. M. Xavier, C. M. Sousa, J. H. Figueiredo, L. J. Silva, G. A. Gutierrez, A. P. Pereira, H. A. Barros, F. J. Remedios and F. H. Carvalho.

Club Teams.

The following have been selected to represent the H.K.C.C. v. R.A. on the Club ground at 2 p.m. to-day:

T. E. Pearce, A. C. Beck, E. J. Mitchell, R. H. Wild, Riggs, E. C. Etherington, H. Owen Hughes, A. Reid, G. R. More, H. J. Armstrong and J. Whitman.

Second Eleven.

The Club second eleven which will meet Craigengower at 2 p.m. this afternoon at Craigengower is:

R. S. W. Paterson (captain), E. J. Collins, C. A. Wright, J. Chadwick, P. W. J. Planner, R. R. Davies, J. Macfarlane, J. D. A. Hutchinson, J. Ashworth, E. C. Etherington, and Lieut. Anstruther.

FOOTBALL.

Club Team.

The following will represent the Club against Kowloon to-day:

Rodger; Strange, Bishop; McBride, Stewart, Duncan, Duncan, Watson, Segalen, Gray and Wallington. Kowloon Eleven.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club against the Club to-day:

Angus; Martin, Pile; Hedley, Bliss, Downman; McEvily, Moss, Simpson, Cotton, Grinewell, Jameson and Gillett. Police Team.

The following will represent the Police against St. Joseph's to-day:

Clarke; Perkins, Brittain; Thorpe, Oram, Shepherd; Gowans, Pile, Fraser, Cornwall and Brown.

Kowloon Reserves.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club Reserves against St. Joseph's to-day:

Angus; Guest, Eastman; Everest, Gilechrist, Smith; W. H. Brown;

EASIER GOLF

by H. STUART HOBSON

U.S. GOLFERS AND THE LIGHTER BALL

A NEW YEAR INNOCVATION.

A friend in the United States writes me that millions of golfers in that country have an unhappy year ahead. He refers to the standardisation of the lighter ball on January 1. "It is the slaughter of the innocents," he adds.

Myself, I do not take so tragic a view, though I am sorry for overseas competitors in open events, for they must master both the new and the old type of ball.

We must play our cards as they dealt to us, and if the order has gone out that the lighter ball is to rule the land of liberty, then American golfers will adapt themselves to it.

In the United States there is a sharp line between a number of superlatively good players and a vast army of not-so-good players.

During the last year or two the superlatively good players have taken the measure of the American courses. There are few courses in the United States of the St. Andrews type—where shifting winds harass the most dogged of golfers. Greens, too, in the United States are not usually so full of tricks.

Long-Handicap Man.

All the same, those courses which have become too easy for the superlatively good player are still difficult enough for the long-handicap man.

The long-handicap man—he who, in his hundreds of thousands pays for the upkeep of those very courses of which the experts make mock—resents having the game of golf made more difficult for the benefit of the experts. Why must the weak golfer suffer for the virtues of the strong?

There is little doubt that the larger ball does make golf more difficult, even if only the same limited extent that steel-shafted drivers make it easier.

Just as there are golfers who find no difference between hickory shafts and steel, so there will be golfers who find no difference between light ball and heavy.

The light ball is no new thing. Many golfers have played with it for choice. I have myself used a large ball repeatedly, and recommended it as a temporary remedy for certain golfing faults. When driven down wind there is no loss of length with the light ball; when driven against the wind there is not a tremendous loss if the ball is kept low. And in the fairway the light ball "sits up" and asks to be hit.

That is why I have recommended the large, light ball to certain nervous players.

Missing Easy Shots.

It is the peculiarity of some golfing temperaments that they are

not at their best when the ball is teed up. They can dig it out of sand or long grass with terrific skill, but they are apt to miss the easy shots. On the other hand, there are at least an equal number of golfers—especially among beginners—who swing more easily when they can see all of the ball. For these players the light ball is probably better than any other.

Maybe the light ball is difficult to control, and reluctant to travel the extra yard, but time and again it will make the golfer's round by avoiding setting him off into one of those unhappy fits when he finds himself digging behind the ball in an effort to lift it.

After all, there are many golfers who approach with a wooden club at a hole considered to be a drive and an iron—a drive and a mashie for some players. At some holes these may be forced to take three with a lighter ball, but at many others they will continue to find the green with their two wooden club shots, and at every hole there will be the advantage of a good lie for the second shot.

Not all courses are sandy, and on many the lie of a heavy ball in the fairway may make the second shot really difficult.

May Break The Heart.

It seems to me that a light ball will suit golfers of certain temperaments and courses of certain types. Over a course swept by wind, the light ball may well break the heart of any golfer, for some of his shots may seem to begin to come back to him as they drop! On sandy soil, too, there is little advantage in the way that the light ball will sit up.

On the other hand the heavy ball, essential on certain courses, does help the expert to make a few courses look silly.

The whole subject is so complicated that it is to be regretted that United States authorities have taken so decisive a step.

Handicap Visitors.

Their decision does not please the vast army of golfers in their own country, and while it may not handicap greatly their superlative golfers when they play with heavier ball abroad, it will certainly handicap their visitors from other countries that do not use the lighter ball.

It seems to me that the decision will have little effect outside the United States, and that in the United States it will have the effect of keeping U.S. championships in the hands of United States players—a possibility not altogether desirable from the point of view of golf as an international game. (China Mail Copyright.)

IS BOBBY JONES AN AMATEUR?

Royal and Ancient Golf Club in a Quandary.

MR. GULLEN'S OPINION.

St. Andrews, December 8. Mr. Henry Gullen, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews, states that he cannot express an opinion, either on behalf of himself or his club, on the matter of the amateur status of Mr. Bobby Jones.

Mr. Gullen is an ordinary member of the club, states Mr. Gullen, and the Royal and Ancient Club treats him as such.

Mr. Gullen has expressed it as his personal opinion that the mak-

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RUGBY.

Latest Results Provide Surprises.

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12	Harrow O.S.
10	Roslyn Park A
10	Bedford Modern
10	Bedford School
10	Brentwood
10	Old Wickhamians
10	Fringehillians
10	Hitchin A
10	Halesburian
10	Gifford College
8	M.H. Hill School
10	Old Epsomians
10	Harrowians
23	Richmond Extra A
10	Giggleswick School
10	Old Marlborough
10	Old Merchant Taylors
10	Old Shrewsbury
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BOYS OF LONG AGO.

GWYDION.

They called him Gwydion, son of the red deer, son of the thrush, but they did not know why they called him by this strange name. Perhaps it was because their ancestors had worshipped images of the mountain creatures—for men who live in the bleak, desolate mountains develop strange but beautiful ideas.

Gwydion lived on Snowden, and he was fourteen years old when Caractacus was taken by the Romans and carried captive to Rome. The news of this disaster seemed to come to Gwydion on the breath of the wind, and, taking his harp, he lifted his voice and sang.

"I Gwydion, tell you, O mountains, that this land of brothers will never be conquered. Enemies will come from the north and from the south; they

then the general sent soldiers to fetch Gwydion, and the boy went to meet them. He was clothed in a sheep skin, on his head he wore a wreath of ivy, and he played on his rough wooden harp as he ran down the mountain side with a strange light in his brown eyes. Gwydion possessed far greater power than that of the sword, and he knew it.

He showed no fear when taken before the Roman, but he smiled at the captives herded behind stakes, desolate and miserable.

"Boy, it is said that you are a prophet," said the general. "Prophesy good for me and I will set you free."

"I am free," replied Gwydion, and, taking his harp, he sang.

First he sang of the glory of Wales; then his voice rose and he called to the mountains, to



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will capture our eagles, but not the home of the eagles. We, the sons of Wales, will answer for this, our own land, till the sun sets for ever on the earth!"

Gwydion's voice was like that of a magic flute. The Romans down in the camp heard it, and asked their numerous prisoners who it was that sang so joyfully.

"Gwydion the bard, son of the red deer, son of the thrush," they answered. "He was born on the mountain, he lives alone, and even the wolves harm him not. He carries no spear, and he speaks all the words that come into his mouth, changing them into song."

WENDY'S LITTLE COOKS.

Currant Biscuits.

Put one teacupful of white granulated sugar and one of butter into a basin; cream the two together with a wooden spoon, then add one beaten egg. Mix well, and add two teacupfuls of flour into which you have stirred half a cupful of currants. Beat to a fairly stiff paste, using more or a very little milk, as required.

The currants must be washed, and dried in a cloth or on a tin before the fire, before being mixed with the flour.

Roll the paste on a board, cut it into rounds with the top of a wine glass, place the biscuits on a greased tin and bake for about ten minutes in a hot oven.

FOR THE TINIES' PARTY.

Now for a suggestion that will doubtless be appreciated by mothers arranging parties for their little ones. The hostess arranges a small card table, with sweets, fruits, cakes, etc., in the form of a hide and seek game to be enjoyed before testing the delights of the possessions on the stall.

THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP

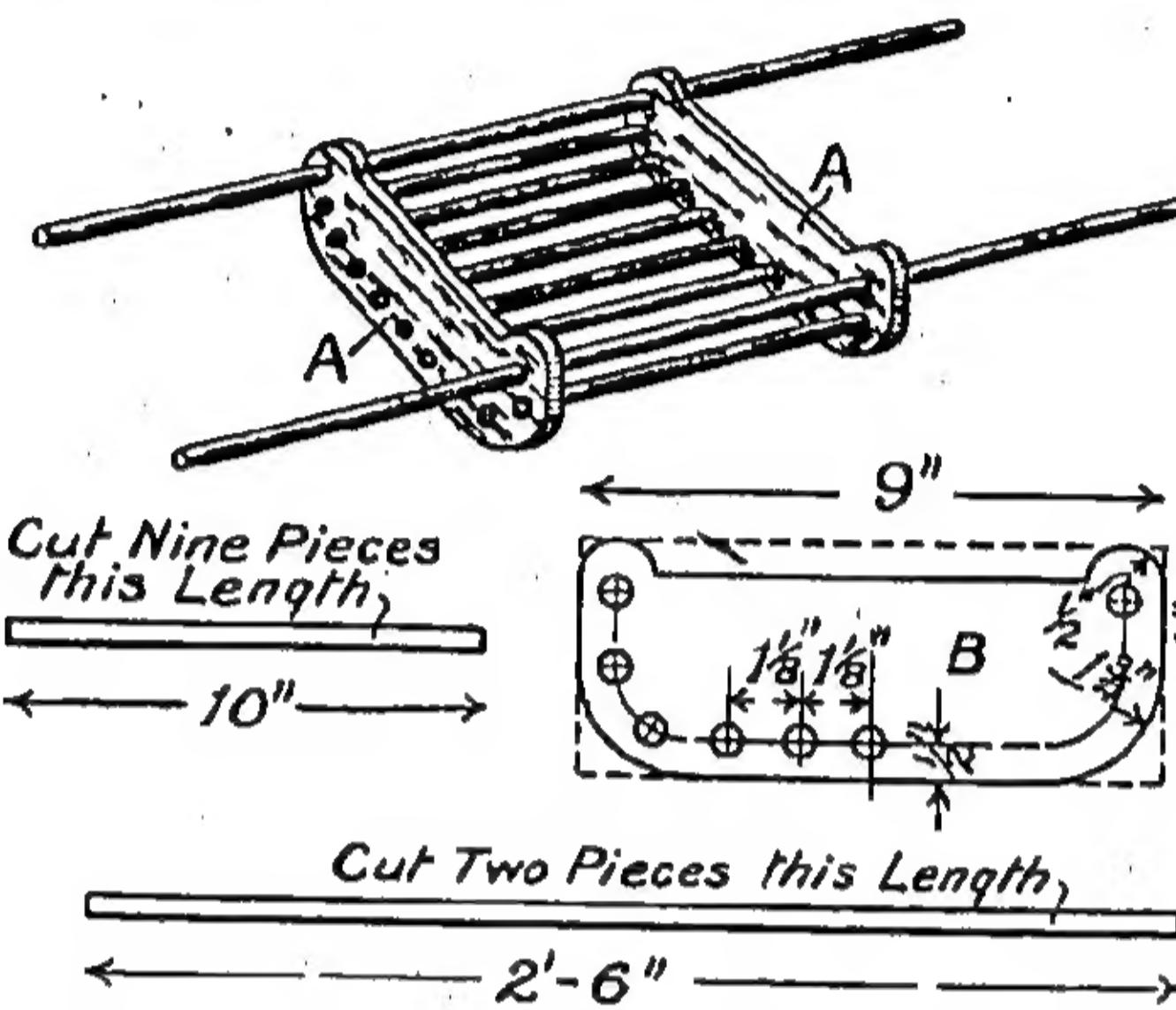
HOW TO MAKE A BATH RACK.

Here is an easily made bath rack which will be found useful in the home. It rests across the bath, and forms a convenient holder for sponges.

Round wooden rods, known as dowel rods, are held in place by two pieces A.A., thus forming a kind of basket. Use ordinary white wood, half-inch thick, for these end pieces, which are nine

the positions of the holes. Drill the holes and finish this side in the same way as the other one.

To get holes with clean-cut edges, drill each from one side of the wood till the point of the bit is just showing through on the other side. Then turn the wood over, use the small hole for the point of the bit, and finish from that side.



The bath-rack as it will look when you have finished it—if you follow Carpenter's instructions, which the diagrams will help you to understand.

inches long and three and a half inches wide. Carefully mark out the curved corners on one piece, as shown at B, and also a line half an inch from the sides and bottom edge. Mark the centres of the holes, exactly one-and-one-eighth inches apart, along this line, starting from the centre one near the bottom edge. Make the holes with a brace and half-inch centre bit, and then cut round the curved parts with a pad-saw. Remove any roughness with a chisel and finish with glasspaper. Place this side on the other piece of wood, and, with a pencil, mark out on it the curved corners and

You will require some half-inch dowel rods, sufficient to give you nine ten-inch lengths; you will need also two pieces each thirty inches long.

To fix the parts together, glue the ends of the short rods into the holes in the side pieces, any projecting ends afterwards being chiselled, flush and glasspapered over. Push the long rods in place, so that equal lengths project at either end, and fix each rod with two fine wire nails, one driven through each end piece.

To complete the rack, give it two coats of white enamel.

The Hut Carpenter.

A WEIRD SIGHT.

The clear moon swung high in the sky shedding a ghostly glow on the hillside and on the black pine wood behind. He had seen many strange sights on his night prowls, but none so weird as this.

A fox peeped furtively out of his den ready to pounce upon an unwary duckling which was wandering over the hill-side. The night was a strange one, for the little house on the hilltop, which had long been uninhabited, was illuminated with little twinkling lights.

A fairy flew swiftly over the moon's face and disappeared just at the little house. The moon shed its rays through the small latticed windows and revealed a wonderful sight.

The cottage was filled with little men of Fairyland and fairies with wings of wonderful hues. Every one was feasting and little gnomes were playing haunting fairy music on silver flutes.

Outside a dog was prowling over the hill, suddenly it gave a low growl as a little old woman came hobbling over the grass. It burst into furious barking, and immediately the witch disappeared.

ed; the lights in the cottage flashed out; and the dog dashed over the bleak hillside. The moon swung high in the sky once more, and was left alone with his thoughts.

WHY HE PRAYS.

When Dad took Tom to Parliament House, Tom was interested when the Speaker read the prayers.

"Does he pray for the members?" he asked.

"No," replied Dad; "he looks at the members and prays for the country."

EMBLEM OF WAR.

"Dad," said little Tommy, teacher told us that the olive-branch was an emblem of peace. What is an emblem of war?"

"Orange blossom!" came the weary reply.

HELPED DADDY!

Teacher: Who did your sums last night, Tommy?

Tommy: Father.

Teacher: Quite alone?

Tommy: No, I helped him.

tiny cuffs. Sow up the side seams of the skirt, hem the bottom, gather the top, and join it to the bodice. Diagram G gives you an idea how the finished frock ought to look.

You can make a white flannel petticoat in exactly the same way, but let it be without sleeves.

A straight piece of white wool crochet, joined into a tube, with wee shoulder-straps of ribbon, like Diagram F, will do for the vest.

Now we will see about the outdoor garments—a cosy flannel cape and a quaint little bonnet. The cape is a semi-circle of material, with a neck opening cut out of the straight edge, as shown in diagram C. Hem it all round, and bind the neck with ribbon, leaving ends to tie; a little flower-pot embroidered on each of the front points in cream silk will make a dainty trimming.

The bonnet is another semi-circle of muslin like Diagram D. The straight edge goes round the doll's forehead, and the curve is gathered up to fit the back of the head, as shown in Diagram E. Tiny rosettes of ribbon and streamers to tie under the chin complete the little bonnet.

Wendy's Dressmaker.

If you are under 16 years of age
you should be a member of

THE TINKER BELL CLUB.

All you have to do is to keep this promise
and sign this form:

I want to become a member of the TINKER BELL CLUB and I faithfully promise to do
one good action every day. A Beautiful Enrolment card will be sent to all members.

Name—(Master or Miss)

Address:

Your Age: Date of Birth:

Cut this out, and send to Tinker Bell, c/o the China Mail.

THE FISHERMAN AND THE MERMAID.

A Tale for the Tinies.

Once upon a time, a beautiful little mermaid saw a net hanging in the sea, and she wondered what it was. Her home was in the very deep waters, and she had never seen a net before, so she crept into this strange thing.

Suddenly she was drawn to the top of the water, and then, to her horror, she found herself in a boat with a young fisherman. The fisherman looked at her in amazement, and so delighted was he at having caught a mermaid that he began to row swiftly home.

"Please put me back into the water," begged the little mermaid in her low, sweet voice.

"You got into my net of your own accord," replied the fisherman. "Therefore you belong to me!"

"Be kind! Throw me back, as you do the little fishes which are of no use to you," she pleaded.

"But you will be very useful," laughed the fisherman. "I am poor, and you can clean my house for me, and I will teach you to cook."

So distressed was the mermaid that she could not utter another word, and when she saw the fisherman's house she shuddered. As she sat near the hearth looking fearfully round, the young man brought her a bowl of milk, but the mermaid shook her head. She was very lovely, with her soft gold hair and great green eyes like sad jewels, and at last the fisherman felt sorry for what he had done.

"I cannot keep you a prisoner," he said. "Come, I will take you back to the sea."

In gratitude, the mermaid burst into tears. And so the fisherman learnt the secret of the deep—that mermaids' tears are pearls.

"I knew you didn't know," sobbed the little mermaid. "And I blinked them back in case you kept me here to cry riches for you. Now you are a rich man because you have been kind."

All round the hearth were exquisite pearls, and the bottom of the boat was filled with them as the fisherman rowed the mermaid out to sea.

"Little mermaid," he whispered. "Do not weep any more, or I can never enjoy these riches."

"Oh," she laughed, "I'm only poking my finger in my eye now—to thank you!"

TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

Last week we drew two letters—EN and an inn sign. If you put EN before sign, you made the quite common word "Ensign" which was hidden in the puzzle. Full solution:—

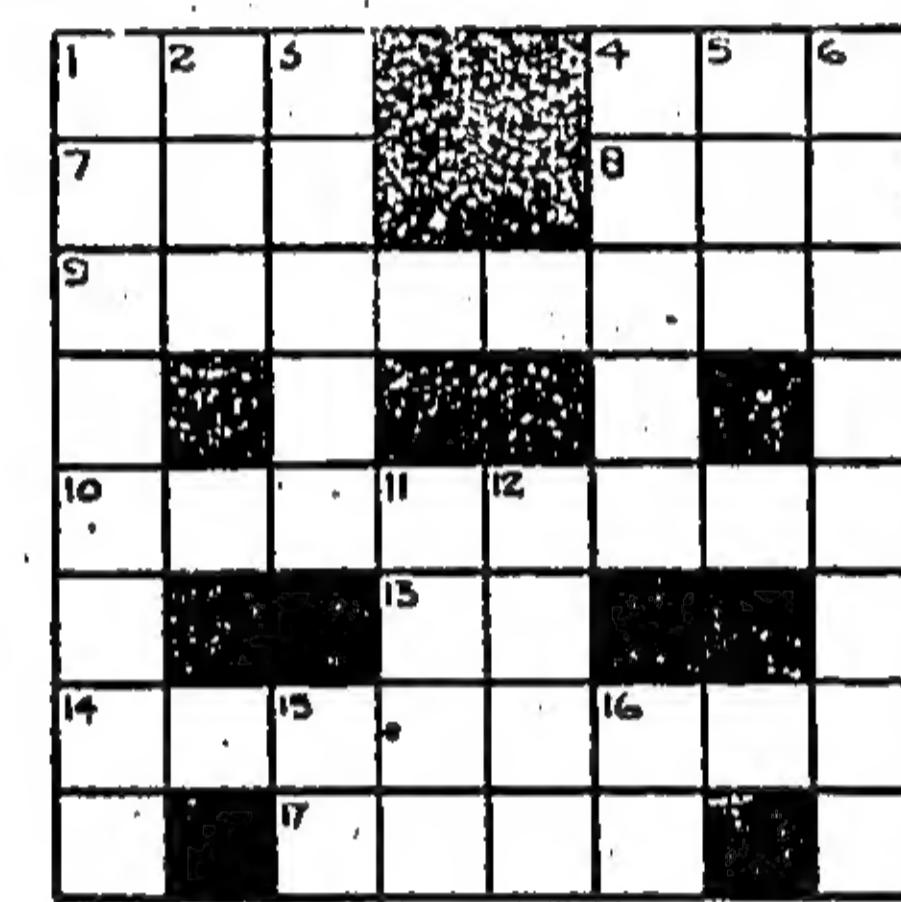
Across.

1. Hurried (Hastened).
5. Animal (Ox).
6. Pronoun (She).
9. Help (Aid).
11. Hidden word (Ensign).
16. Have the courage (Dare).
17. Behold! (Lo).
19. Pronoun (Me).
20. Pronoun (He).
21. Girl's name (Ada).
23. A colour (Tan).
24. Pulls to pieces (Destroys).

Down.

1. Possesses (Has).
2. Preposition (To).
3. Prefix meaning "formerly" (Ex).
4. Transacted (Did).
7. Pronoun (He).
8. Termination (End).
9. Grow old (Age).
10. Preposition (In).
12. Boy's name (abbreviated) (Sam).
13. Anger (Ire).
14. Pleased (Glad).
16. Used for writing (Pens).
18. Poem (Ode).
20. Cut and dried grass (Hay).
22. Because (As).
23. Same as 2 down (To).

The queer drawing at the side of this week's puzzle represents the name of a game which is played with oblong pieces of bone with dots on them. If you think hard enough, I am sure you will discover the name which is, of course, hidden in the puzzle.



Can you guess what game this represents?

Clues:

Across.

1. Torn fragment of cloth.
2. Fuss.
3. Sports.
4. Part of a kettle.
5. Anger.
6. Dweller (in house, town, etc.).
11. Small island.
12. May be right or left.
13. Musical note.
14. Boys and girls.
17. Give food to.

Down.

1. Shining light.
2. Fuss.
3. Sports.
4. Part of a kettle.
5. Anger.
6. Dweller (in house, town, etc.).
11. Small island.
12. May be right or left.
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TO A GREEDY BOY.

This is, as oft we hear, the age of youth—

Insurgent youth whose triumph is complete—

When parties who are longer in the tooth

Must be contented with a far-bach seat,

Seeing that modern children's souls are packed

With all the virtues which their parents lacked.

But when I watch you, Alfred, at a meal

And notice how your glistening eyeballs range

Over the dainties there set forth,

I feel

That human nature does not greatly change,

While your capacity is quite as big

As that of any small, Victorian pig.

Such havoc as you make of all good cheer!

Your hunger is but equalled by your thirst,

And, as the cakes and pastries disappear,

Almost I wonder that you do not burst.

The maid then told her some people were waiting to see her.

They came in and started to talk about things which the old woman knew nothing about.

The old woman hobbled towards it quite at ease.

A maid let her in, and taking her into a room, asked her if she would have dinner. She then brought her celery soup. The old woman not liking it wanted nothing more.

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people were waiting to see her.

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Authorized Capital \$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up \$30,000,000
Reserve Funds:-
Building \$6,000,000
Silver \$9,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$20,000,000
HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.
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HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.
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THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 15th July, 1930.

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ, N.V.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY)
DANKERS.
Established 1924.

Hong Kong Office—11, Queen's Road Central.
Authorized Capital Guilders 100,000,000
Paid-Up Capital (21,500,000)
Surplus Guilders 80,039,000
Reserve Fund Guilders 10,014,000
Head Office—AMSTERDAM.
Eastern Head Office—BATAVIA.
BRANCHES—Bandung, Bandung, Bombay, Calcutta, Chittagong, Darjeeling, Dibrugarh, Gauhati, Haikou, Madras, Kuta Radja, Makassar, Medan, Padang, Palembang, Pathein, Penang, Port Blair, Rangoon, Shanghai, Silaboga (Sumatra), Singapore, Soureabhaya, Surabaya (Solo), Tegu, Tjilatjap, and Tjilatjap.
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London Banks—National Provincial Bank Ltd., Correspondents all over the world Banking business carried on.
A. STOKKINK, Acting Manager.
Hong Kong, 15th August, 1930.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

HEAD OFFICE:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital Frs. 72,000,000.00
Paid-Up Capital Frs. 68,400,000.00
Reserve Funds Frs. 102,000,000

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangements.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes to let.
A. LEGOT, Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1930.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.
Capital (fully paid-up) Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund Yen 113,500,000

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

E. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, 10th September, 1930.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.
Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £5,000,000

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Foreign Exchange and General Banking business transacted.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th January, 1931.

SHARE MARKET.
Weekly Reports by Brokers.

G. A. HARRIMAN.

Hong Kong, Jan. 10.
Messrs. G. A. Harriman's Weekly Share Report and Market Review (Neon), January 10, 1931, says:-

The market during the past week was very active, in fact the amount of trading in sterling dividend counters (brought about principally by the drop in exchange) and Cotton shares would almost constitute a record, the prices of these shares soaring to new high levels. Prices in the speculative section for the most part, remained fairly steady, although Cements were down to \$17.55, but at the close there was a distinctly firmer tone all round and the demand for scrip was apparent in almost every section of the market.

Banks—Hong Kong & Shanghai Banks continued their upward trend and buyers of small parcels of shares came to business at rising rates between \$1,800 and \$1,865, the market closing with strong buyers at \$1,925. Bank of East Asia remained firm and were sought for at \$120.

Insurances—Canton Fires rose to a buying quotation of \$1,300, and Hong Kong Fires had buyers at the same rate. Unions were realised at \$525/550, but at the close there were buyers at \$605. China Underwriters changed hands at \$315/20.

Shipping—Douglas continued neglected. Steamboats were again nominal at \$30 1/2. Union Waterboats remained unchanged, and there is no business to record.

Mining—Raub again rose up

several points during the week, and were in demand at \$39.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns—Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels were done in quantity at \$12.10/30. Hong Kong Land fetched \$843/85 for old shares and \$833/84 for new, and closed firm at \$84 1/2 and \$83 1/2 respectively. Humphrey's were asked for at \$17.50. Hong Kong Realtys closed off a little, and could be obtained at \$9.20.

Cotton Mills—Ewe Cottons experienced a sharp rise during the week. Very large parcels of shares changed hands at rates varying between \$12.40 and \$14.10 cash and corresponding rates for forward delivery, and at the close a firmer tone prevailed with strong buyers at \$14.30.

Public Utilities—There were buyers of Hong Kong Trams at \$17.90, after sales at \$18/18.05. Peak Trams remained quiet at quotations. China Lights were done in small parcels at \$25.30/65 closing firm at \$26.40. Hong Kong Electrics receded a little and were on offer at \$81, at the close, business having been done at \$81/81 1/2. Telephones (partly paid), had enquiries at \$23, after sales at this rate.

Miscellaneous—Cements opened the market at \$17.80, but fell away to \$17.65 at the close. Hong Kong Ropes were in strong demand with buyers offering \$12.80. Dairy Farms had enquiries at \$25.80 for old shares and \$24 for new with business done at \$26 for old shares. Watsons were enquired for at \$12 1/2. Lane, Crawfords strengthened a bit and had buyers at \$4. Sinceres again made an improvement and were in demand at \$13.70.

Forward Settlement Days—January 27, February 24, and March 24.

ABOLITION OF LIKIN.

MINISTER OF FINANCE ON LOSS TO GOVERNMENT.

TOTAL OF \$100,000,000.

Nanking, Dec. 24.

Following the order of December 15, abolishing likin and levies of a like nature throughout the country from the first of next month, Mr. T. V. Soong, the Minister of Finance, has sent another telegram to the Provincial Governments detailing the losses of the National Treasury involved by the measure, and appealing to the local authorities to be prepared to make sacrifices on their own part.

The telegram points out that while in Manchu days and under the Peking Government, likin was considered a local revenue, the National Government as early as three years ago, foreseeing the necessity of abolition of likin, gave up the Land Tax to the local authorities in exchange for likin, so that when the time came for the abolition of likin, the National Government would itself shoulder the deficit.

In almost all the provinces this has been gradually carried out although so far as administration is concerned, likin remains under local control, so that the main part of the loss incurred by the abolition of likin proper, amounting to over \$80,000,000, falls on the National Treasury.

Details of Losses.

The abolition of levies of a similar nature, namely: Native Customs duties amounting to \$7,750,000; Coast Trade half-duty yielding \$5,400,000; transit dues \$3,600,000; railway goods taxes \$1,540,000; and parcel post tax \$1,070,000; making a further total of \$19,360,000 annually, falls entirely on the National Treasury.

New taxes which will conform to sound canons of taxation are being instituted to fill the gap in revenue created by these losses, but these taxes take time to develop and are not expected to compensate.

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 9th Jan., 1931.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sales	Num.	Min. Year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank \$1800	1850/1800	Dec.	Interim 43 Apr. 1930 Ex. 1/24—\$14.45	Aug. 11, 30
Chartered Bank \$1	174	Dec.	Interim 71 Feb. 1/24/1930	Sept. 30
Mercurial Bk., A.A.B. \$	268	Dec.	[Int. 5%] A/c 1930 less 1/2 tax	Sept. 30
Bank of Asia \$115	124	Dec.	\$4 for 1930	Feb. 28, 30
Insurances.						
Canton Ins. \$1200	Dec.	Final 82 for 1928	May 16, 30
Union Ins. \$355	300/3474	Dec.	Final 10% for 1928	May 30, 30
China Underwriters \$318	...	9.20	...	Dec.	None	...
China Fire Ins. \$450	Dec.	[Final 80 bonus 8%] for 1928	May 20, 30
H. K. Fire Ins. \$1800	Dec.	\$47 for 1929	Mar. 26, 30
Shipping.						
Douglas \$	282	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
H. K. Steamboat \$...	91	...	Dec.	\$150 for 1929	Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.) \$	45	Dec.	[12% ex. 2/24 on preferred] for 1924 and 1925	June 19, 30
Shell Transport \$	27	Dec.	Last dividend for 1921	...
Union Waterboats \$	76/3	Dec.	[Interim 1/2 Apr. 1930] less 1/2 tax	Pending
Mining.						
Renguet \$	11.10	Dec.	[Final 40 cents/ton] making 1/2 for 1930	Dec. 10, 30
Kai Lan Mining Ad. \$	28/3	June	[Final 4% free 1/2 for 1930] making 9% for years 1929-30	Dec. 20, 30
Lengka \$	24	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-30	May 8, 30
Sh'i Exploration \$	24	Dec.	None	...
" Loans \$	Dec.	Interim T. 0.55 a/c 1930	July 1, 30
*Raub \$	Mar.	[Second int. 1/2] [Int. 1/2 for 1930]	Dec. 16, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & A. Wharves \$	173	...	...	Dec.	\$9 for 1929	Mar. 18, 30
H. K. & W. Docks \$	30	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
South Ch. Motors \$	10	Dec.	...	...
China Providence (old) \$	3.35	5.16	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
" (new) \$	2.00	2.70	...	Dec.	...	...
Hongkew \$	284	Dec.	Interim T. 0.55 a/c 1930	Sept. 15, 30
N. Engineering \$	61	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
Shanghai Docks \$	110	Apr.	T. 7 for year 30-4-30	July 30, 30
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IS HE PICKPOCKET?

SUSPECT REMANDED IN KOWLOON.

A case of alleged pick-pocketing was tried by Mr. Butters this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy when Wong Kau was charged with stealing a purse containing \$10 from Chan Sun, a rice shop boy.

Inspector Fallon said that complainant was looking into a shop window, when defendant brushed against him and extracted his purse. On being noticed, defendant dropped the purse, and it was immediately picked up by another man, who ran away. Chan Sun seized the defendant and a mele ensued ending in the latter being arrested. Evidence was given by a district watchman who heard the alarm and arrested the man.

Defendant denied the charge and said that he was assaulted by complainant and another man.

A remand of 48 hours in police custody was granted to allow defendant to produce a witness named Chan Kau who was present at the scene of the affair.

LIBERIA SLAVERY.

TRAFFIC TO BE STOPPED BY GOVERNMENT.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Liberian representative to the League of Nations writes to the local press that, immediately upon receipt of the League Commission's report in September, the Liberian Government took steps to remove the cause of complaints mentioned therein, as to continued slave traffic in Liberia.—Reuters.

[It was reported on January 7 that the United States was making representations to Liberia on the question of these slavery allegations.]

TWO WINDFALLS.

SIR T. LIPTON'S GIFT TO GLASGOW.

Rugby, Yesterday. Sir Walter Runciman, the ship-owner, has given £25,000 to Newcastle Infirmary for an extension of the Nurses' Home; and Sir Thomas Lipton has presented £10,000 to Glasgow for assistance of poor mothers and children, in memory of his mother and in gratitude to his native city.—British Wireless Service.

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DOG RACING.

TO BE ABOLISHED IN SHANGHAI.

CHINESE OPPOSITION.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Municipal Council, after a long controversy, has decided to abolish dog racing in the International Settlement as from March 31. The decision is fully supported by the British Consul.

The Council is prepared to take over the leases of the dog tracks of the two companies concerned, and will give consideration to cases of individual hardship of employees.

The companies have been informed that in view of opposition by the Chinese to this form of gambling in Shanghai, the political aspect of the question, in addition to other objectionable features, has become a matter of grave concern.

Dog racing in the French Concession is under control of the French Council, and is not affected.—Reuters.

A CAT BURGLAR.

"I went there to steal a pair of trousers, so that I could pawn them, and get some money to buy food" was the excuse offered by a Chinese, who was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell in the Central Police Court with being a rogue and vagabond.

Detective-Sergeant Meadows said that the defendant climbed up to the first floor verandah of a house in Hau Wo Street, West Point, by means of a drain pipe.

Having admitted a previous conviction, defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

The Traffic Regulations have been amended as under:

In the table in regulation 5—
(1) by the substitution for item (e) of the following item—
(2) Public motor vehicles other than motor omnibuses and char-a-bancs, \$5, together with a further sum of \$5 for each seat for a passenger in the vehicle.

(2) by the substitution for item (f) of the following item—
(f) Motor omnibuses and char-a-bancs (these vehicles must be fitted with pneumatic tyres), \$5, to-

CHOLERA EXPERT.

DEATH OF DR. WALDEMAR HAFFKINE.

Dr. Waldemar Haffkine, the famous bacteriologist, who in the early part of this century, perfected inoculation against cholera and plague, and thereby saved many thousands of lives in India, has died in Lausanne at the age of 70.

Dr. Haffkine's early life was spent at Odessa; from 1889 to 1893 he acted as assistant to Pasteur in Paris, then he went to India.

He refused to protect the pro-phylactic which he perfected there, but gave away his rights in it to the Indian Government for the common good.

Once during the war Dr. Haffkine was called into consultation by the Government. It was at a moment of crisis, when our troops in the Near East were gravely threatened by cholera, typhoid, and dysentery.

Thanks to the advice given by Dr. Haffkine and other authorities, the danger, which nearly brought about a complete withdrawal of the British forces, was averted.

EMPIRE TOUR.

PUBLIC SCHOOLBOYS TO VISIT WEST INDIES.

Rugby, Yesterday. The sixth Public School Empire tour began yesterday, when a party of boys left for the West Indies and British Guiana, sailing from Avonmouth on the s.s. Camito.—British Wireless Service.

STORM IN PEKING.

TEMPERATURE DROPS WELL BELOW ZERO.

Peking, Yesterday.

Following a comparatively mild winter hitherto, the fiercest north-western dust storm for years is sweeping Peking.

The temperature has dropped below zero Fahrenheit and a number of deaths of beggars and others are already reported.—Reuters.

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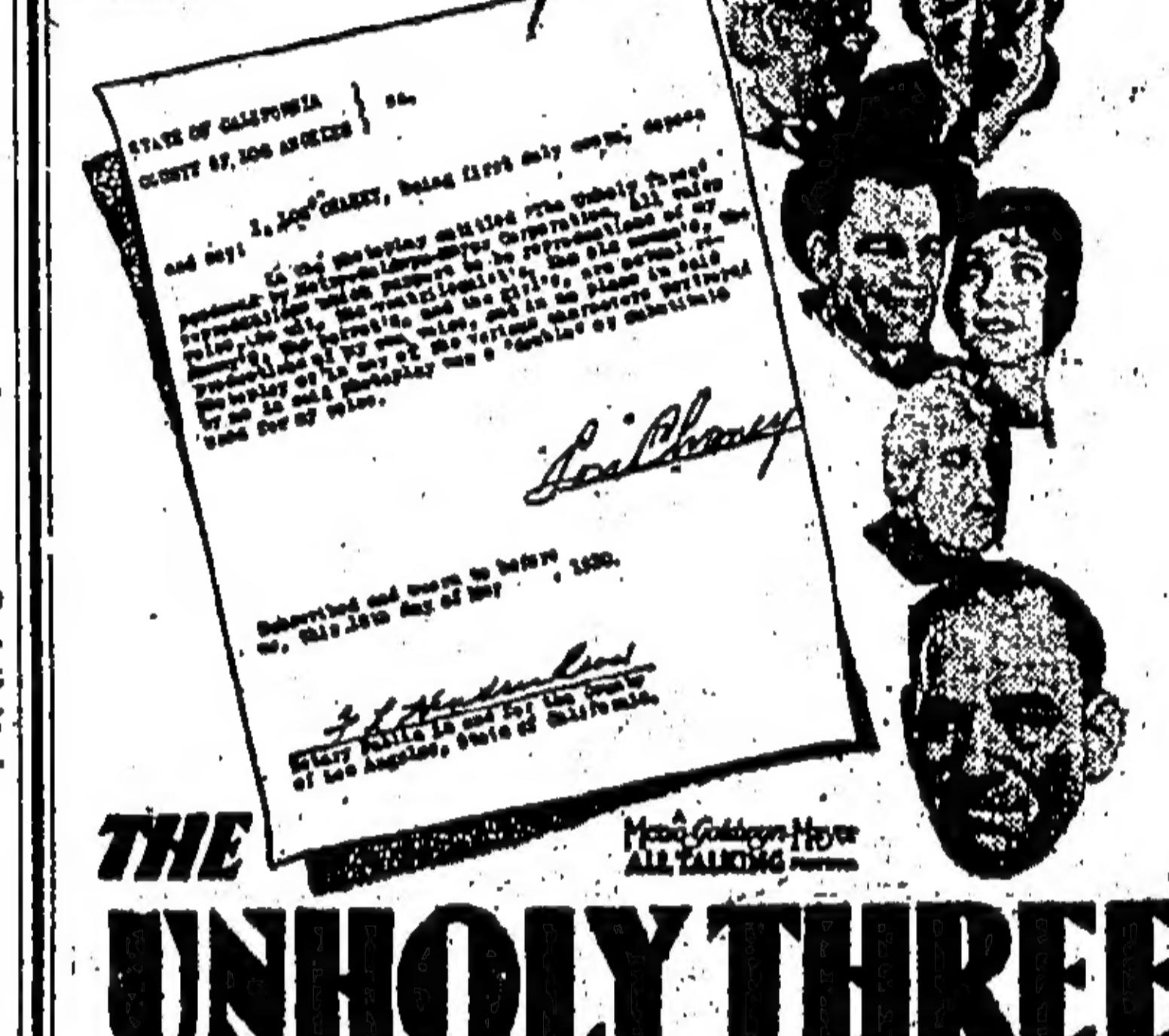
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